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TALKING HALTED BY NCB

Hope of renewed surge to work

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

THE Coal Board decided yesterday to withdraw from any further informal discussions to try to find a basis for peace talks in the 46-week pit strike because the miners' union will not accept a commitment that uneconomic pits have to be closed.

Mr Michael Eaton, Coal Board chief spokesman, said: "It is with very great regret that we must withdraw from the situation and say that the further round of discussions cannot lead to any negotiations and must be stopped."

A statement added that the board remained ready to resume talks when the union made it clear they were prepared to have meaningful talks to accept a procedure to deal with uneconomic capacity.

Mr Eaton further spelt out this requirement — which he described as "required as a commitment" from the union.

He said: "They have got to agree that, at the end of the road, we have the right to manage the industry. They have got to accept that before we can start talking."

Mr Eaton insisted that the dispute had to be solved "without a fudge." But it should be settled by negotiation.

The board is now inevitably looking for another major "surge" back to work in the coalfields on Monday. When the last round of peace talks

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collapsed last October, more than 7,000 men abandoned the strike in a fortnight and the drift back has continued.

Yesterday 170 "new faces" returned, according to the Coal Board, bringing the week's total to 1,547, compared to 3,586 in the previous week.

With over 79,000 of the 187,500 miners now back at work, acceleration of the numbers could push the total significantly closer to the strategically important point where over half the N U M membership are back and deemed to have "voted with their feet" for a settlement.

Scargill hint of 'no deal' return

Mr Scargill, N U M president, hinted yesterday at a possible union move to preempt this position.

He said: "If the N U M did not get an agreement, the position would be considered better than what the National Coal Board is trying to impose on this union."

This was being taken as meaning that the union might simply call off the strike and march back to work without accepting the board's demands that it should drop its opposition to pit closures on economic grounds.

Mr Scargill and his fellow negotiators have already spoken of this prospect among their Left-wing supporters on the 24-man N U M executive.

Secrets of the miners' strike

THE long and divisive miners' strike was launched at a meeting at N U M headquarters on March 8 last year.

It was on that day that Arthur Scargill in effect decided on a national stoppage without a ballot.

One of the delegates at that meeting was Roy Ottey, who has since resigned from the N U M Executive.

In THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow he gives, for the first time, a detailed account of the executive meeting which called the strike, and tells how the miners planned to stop their funds being seized.

There is an increasing feeling that "no deal" would be better than a "bad deal": that a dignified return might be preferable to going back under what the union sees as humiliating and unacceptable terms.

It would then be open to men at the individual pits to oppose closures as the union has tried in the past, and there could be a long-running round of recriminative bad blood on issues such as whether men who have been dismissed are allowed to return or not.

Last night, however, it was clear that the N U M had still not given up hopes of getting negotiations resumed.

Mr Scargill announced that, accompanied by Mr Heathfield, N U M general secretary, and Mr McGahey, vice-presi-

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ALL MIDLAND PITS WORKING

All 52 pits in the Midland coal area are now in production with the resumption yesterday of Renishaw Park, North Derbyshire.

Kiveton Park, South Yorkshire, also restarted production, making it the seventh pit in Yorkshire to start cutting coal. There were 39 new starters in the Yorkshire coalfield yesterday, bringing the total of those working to 5,588.

Arms chief murdered in Munich

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

HERR ERNST ZIMMERMANN, 55, president of the West German Aerospace and Arms Industry Association, died in Munich last night after being shot in the head by terrorists.

The Red Army Faction, better known as the Baader-Meinhof Gang, claimed responsibility for the early-morning attack at his home.

The shooting bore the hallmarks of a series of Baader-Meinhof killings which rocked West Germany in the mid and late 1970s, and comes as about 30 imprisoned members of the extreme Left-wing group are about to complete a second month on hunger strike.

They are demanding an end to solitary confinement and other prison restrictions.

A young woman rang the doorbell of Herr Zimmermann's house in the Munich suburb of Gauting at about 7.20 a.m. yesterday, and told his wife she had a letter for the chairman of Motor and Turbine Union, West Germany's leading military engine manufacturer.

The woman and a man with a machine-gun burst into the house, bound and gagged Herr Zimmermann and his wife, then took him to another room and fired at least one shot.

Hunger strike

Herr Kurt Rebmann, Chief Public Prosecutor, has repeatedly warned that a new dimension to terrorist attacks can be expected as the condition of the Red Army Faction hunger-strikers deteriorate.

Since the fast began on Dec 4 there have been more than 60 bombings and arson attacks on Nato and arms industry-related targets.

The only death had been when a convicted member of the group blew himself up last month in Stuttgart, while apparently handling a bomb.

Herr Zimmermann's company produces engines for the Anglo-German-Italian Tornado multi-purpose fighter and the Leopard-II tank, and is a partner of Rolls-Royce and General Electric.

On Thursday, West Germany's Red Army Faction and France's Action Directe group claimed responsibility for the murder in Paris last week of Gen. Rene Audran, a French Defence Ministry official in charge of international arms sales. They vowed to continue their "West European revolutionary offensive."

Last night a caller to a German newspaper said: "Here is the R A F . . . The Commando Patrick O'Hara claims responsibility for the attack . . ." Police identified Patrick O'Hara as an I R A hunger striker who died in May 1981.

PORTUGAL BLASTS

Nato base

OUR LISBON CORRESPONDENT writes: The wife of a West German serviceman was slightly injured yesterday when eight bombs wrecked 18 cars at a Portuguese Nato base. The F P-25 group claimed responsibility for the attack on the homes of West German air force personnel in the southern city of Beja.

According to a news report in Lisbon yesterday, FP-25 and terrorists at France's Action-Directe, the I R A and Spain's E T A, gathered in the northern city of Oporto in December 1982, to co-ordinate European terror attacks.

E E C fights terrorism—P6

FRENCH RECALL INDIA ENVOY

By Our New Delhi Correspondent

The Indian Government said yesterday that France was withdrawing its ambassador in New Delhi, M. Serge Boidevaix. A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Paris said he was being switched to a senior post in the French capital, and that France had sought New Delhi approval to name a new envoy.

Ten days ago France recalled Lt-Col Alain Bolley, its assistant military attache in New Delhi. This followed the arrest of 13 Indian officials who according to New Delhi reports are accused of passing classified documents to both East and West European diplomatic contacts.

Mr Jonathan Aitken, with his wife Lolicia after being cleared of libel in the High Court yesterday, and (right) Mrs Hazel Pinder-White, who brought the case.

Third brother shot dead by IRA

By COLIN BRADY in Belfast

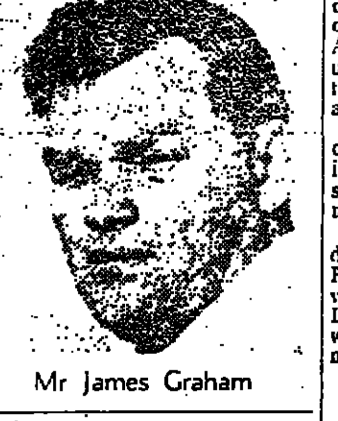
A PART-TIME soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment was murdered yesterday by Provisional I R A gunmen, the third of three brothers to be killed by terrorists in four years.

Mr James Graham, 40, father of two teenage daughters, died instantly in a burst of automatic fire by at least two gunmen as he sat in his parked bus outside a school at the border village of Derrylin, Co. Fermanagh. No children were on board.

Irish police along the border co-operated in an intensive air and ground search for the killers.

Mr Graham's brother, Ronald, married with two children, who was a part-time corporal in the regiment, was shot dead while delivering groceries in 1981.

Five months later his second brother, Cecil, a part-time private, was shot dead in an ambush as he visited his Roman Catholic wife and new-born child.



Mr James Graham

Two previous escapes

Mr James Graham had survived two previous murder attempts by the I R A. In 1980 he was wounded by three gunmen in the neck and shoulder during an ambush outside his home: He managed to drive to his house, collected a rifle and opened fire on the fleeing gang.

He was awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year honours list last month.

Mr Graham was behind the wheel waiting to pick up children for swimming lessons yesterday when bullets smashed through the windscreen.

As he tried to scramble to the rear of the vehicle, a gunman boarded the bus and fired more shots. Mr Graham drew his own pistol but had *no time* to fire. He died from head wounds.

Villagers heard the terrorists cheer as they drove away firing shots into the air and disappearing towards the border.

Troops fire back

Soldiers on patrol in the Finaghy area of West Belfast yesterday said they hit a man when they returned terrorists' gunfire. The injured man escaped with the rest of the gang. Later three people were arrested.

WAITE FOR LIBYA

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, will fly to Libya today so keeping his promise to return soon to the four Britons held hostage there since the siege of the Libyan Embassy in London last year which followed the shooting of W Pc Yvonne Fletcher.

Memorial unveiled—P3

SIX-DAY LLOYDS

By Our Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank joins Barclays today in providing a Saturday banking service for customers. Seventy-five branches will open in the morning, with 13 staying open until 3.00 p.m.

THREAT TO SCHOOLS GROWS

By Our Education Staff

ANOTHER teaching union is threatening disruption in schools over pay.

The national executive of the National Association of Schoolmasters—Union of Women Teachers voted yesterday to instruct its 120,000 members to take industrial action on Feb. 25 if a four per cent. offer is not improved.

The union is refusing to specify what form the action will take, but it could follow the pattern of "guerrilla" strikes similar to those during last year's battle over pay.

The next meeting of the Burnham Committee to discuss the issue is on Monday, Feb. 11. The National Union of Teachers has already announced a work-to-rule from next Wednesday.

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FRANCE HITS OUT

President Mitterrand rejected Italian charges that France soft on terrorism, described them as "accusations I will not accept."

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ANZUS RIFT OVER U.S. WARSHIP

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

NEW ZEALAND could threaten the future of Anzus defence alliance if it turns down a request for an American warship visit, a State Department spokesman said yesterday.

"The denial of port access would be a matter of grave concern which goes to the core of our mutual obligations as allies" the spokesman said.

Earlier New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, indicated he would reject the request for the ship visit during ANZUS exercise "Sea Eagle" unless his government knows the ship is not carrying nuclear arms.

The United States never discloses whether a ship is carrying nuclear arms and officials said yesterday there would be no change in that policy.

The issue is expected to be discussed when the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke visits Washington next week. Mr Lange's attitude, it is feared, will encourage the growing anti nuclear lobby in Australia.

MOSQUE BOMBED

By Our Beirut Correspondent

A car bomb containing 60lb of explosives blew up yesterday outside a mosque in Tripoli, Northern Lebanon, killing at least 10 and wounding a further 60. The blast demolished a wall of the mosque and last night rescue workers were still searching for victims.

Battle in Sidon

Fighting with heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades erupted in Sidon, Southern Lebanon, yesterday when a dozen unidentified gunmen attacked pro-Israeli militiamen. The number of casualties in the 30-minute battle was unknown. —Reuter.

JEWELLER'S PLEDGE

John Palmer, 38, the goldsmith whose house at Lansdown, near Bath, is being searched by police investigating the £26-million Brinks-Mat bullion robbery, said yesterday he still intends to fly home from the Canary Islands on Feb. 15 at the end of his holiday.

Three men held

OUR CRIME STAFF writes: Three men were yesterday detained by detectives investigating the Brinks-Mat bullion theft. One of them was later released and a man and a woman held on Thursday were also released.

REAGAN NOMINATED

By Our Oslo Correspondent

President Reagan has been nominated for the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize, according to reliable reports in Oslo. The nomination arrived only four hours before the Jan 31 deadline.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Pressure high to S. of Britain with frontal trough crossing N.W. parts.

LONDON, MIDLANDS, E., N.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA: Mainly dry, bright spells. Wind W. moderate. Max. 55F (13C).

S.E., CEN. S., S.W. ENGLAND, CHANNEL Is., S. WALES: Occasional drizzle, hill and coastal fog patches, some bright intervals inland. Wind S.W. moderate. 52F (11C).

N.W. ENGLAND, N. WALES, S.W. SCOTLAND, N. IRELAND: Dry at first, outbreaks of rain. Wind S.W. to S., moderate to fresh. 52F (11C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. CH. (E.): Wind W., force 5 or 6-7 decreasing 4. Sea rough becoming slight.

IRISH SEA: N.W. 6-7 decreasing 3. Rough or very rough, becoming slight.

OUTLOOK: Very mild, mostly dry.

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'Dallas' case widow faces £30,000 bill

By JAMES ALLAN

A HIGH COURT jury yesterday rejected the claims of a Kent widow that Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative M P for Thanet South, libelled her when he linked her name with that of Sue-Ellen in the soap opera "Dallas."

The jury's verdict, by a majority of 10 to two in Mr Aitken's favour, means that Mrs Hazel Pinder-White, of Harbour Street, Broadstairs, faces a legal bill of up to £30,000.

She refused to discuss the case with reporters, and left the Law Courts in a taxi. As it drove away Mr Aitken, 42, quoted Groucho Marx: "If I never see that woman again, it's too soon."

He expressed relief at the verdict and said he thought the case had highlighted the need for reform of the libel laws, which had proved cumbersome and lengthy in dealing with a small matter.

Thanet politics

Mrs Pinder-White, a mother-of-three who confesses to being in her mid-40s, was, with her late husband, Mr. Charles Pinder-White, a staunch supporter of Mr Aitken, and campaigned vigorously for him at elections.

But their relationship soured when what Mr Aitken told the jury of six men and six women was intended to be a light-hearted article appeared in the EAST KENT CRITIC, a monthly magazine with a circulation of about 1,200, in February, 1981.

In it he suggested a Dallas-style series on politics in Thanet with Mr Pinder-White as J. R. Ewing, and Mrs Pinder-White as his television wife, Sue Ellen.

This, said Mrs Pinder-White, was defamatory because it meant she was like Sue-Ellen—"nothing but a high-class prostitute who drank heavily and was a total alcoholic."

Mr Pinder-White also began proceedings for libel against Mr Aitken, but the action ceased on the husband's death in 1981, aged 71.

The jury were out for five hours before reaching a majority verdict.

'Wholly-proper'

Before they retired, Mr Justice CAULFIELD told them: "Who shot J.R. was the question in February, 1981. Who succeeds in this action is the question you have to decide now."

The jury had heard that Mrs Pinder-White and her late husband were pillars of the community and a thorn in the side of the local establishment.

The Judge described her as "as good a Tory as you could find south of Watford."

She was, he said, a "wholly-proper woman" and a lady in the purest sense of the word. She had spent 19 blissful years with a good husband.

Mrs. Pinder-White sat impassively in court as the jury announced in favour of Mr Aitken.

As she left all she would say was: "You have all been very kind." A family friend said she was sorry but, she had no time to give interviews as she had a pressing personal engagement.

On Wednesday she lost jewellery and silverware valued at £4,000 in a burglary at her home.

Mr Aitken, accompanied by his Swiss-born wife Lolicia, said: "I am relieved. No one likes being dragged into the High Court for a week for what at very best was always a small, innocent, and humorous episode.

"If this case had been lost it would have been impossible to make a joke in public again. I am glad the British sense of humour and common sense have won the day."

Mr Aitken, of Lord North Street, Westminster, said he made great efforts to avoid a long and painful ordeal and expensive proceedings in the High Court. These included a generous offer that had been rejected.

"At the end of the day Mrs Pinder-White now faces some very heavy costs. These she has brought on herself."

The case had not affected support in his constituency. He said: "Ninety-nine per cent. of my constituents have a sense of humour and common sense; and

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WARM WEATHER TO CONTINUE

Warm southerly winds gave much of Britain an unseasonally mild start to February yesterday, and the mild weather is expected to last until the middle of next week.

In the South, temperatures reached 55F — 15F above the monthly average. But it was not a record. Kew has recorded 61F in February.

Record lows in U S

OUR NEW YORK STAFF reports: A massive surge of Arctic air pushed as far south as Alabama and Mississippi yesterday, pushing temperatures down to −60F in Utah and −40F in Minnesota — record lows.

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Ship men reject pay freeze to save yard

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

THE Austin and Pickergill Shipyard is in danger of closing after the 1,500 workers voted yesterday to reject a pay freeze which would have won the yard a £28 million two-ship order.

"The men are prepared to see the yard close rather than back-down on the pay issue," said Mr Tom Carty, chairman of the joint committee of shop stewards.

The unnamed foreign customer extended his deadline until noon today to give British Shipbuilders men to change their attitude.

Foreign yards are eager to win the work and British Shipbuilders could undercut them on price only if it had firm promises of improved productivity and a pay freeze. Unions agreed to drop some restrictive practices but not to freeze pay.

Skilled men at the Wearside yard, Sunderland, get about £152 a week without overtime, said British Shipbuilders. This is around £20 a week more than at other merchant shipbuilding yards.

Austin & Pickersgill was the star performer among British yards when nationalised, making profits and beating Japanese rivals to become the world-leader in low-cost, standard-design, general cargo ships.

But productivity slipped after nationalisation in 1977 and it will run out of work by June. It recently issued redundancy notices to cut its payroll from 1,900 to 1,500.

It was "now impossible" to meet the requirements set by the customer, said British Shipbuilders.

Mrs THATCHER GAVE ME HELP SAYS PONTING

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

CLIVE PONTING, the civil servant accused of breaching the Official Secrets Act by a leak of Ministry of Defence documents, claimed at the Old Bailey yesterday that Mrs Thatcher had personally intervened to promote his Whitehall career.

Ponting, who was said to have told police he was a recently-converted Buddhist, told the jury he was a member of the S D P, but insisted he was not "out of tune" politically with his Downing Street masters.

He disclosed that in his sixth-form school days he had leaned towards the Liberal party.

But he never actually joined any political organisation until he and his wife Sally, also a Defence Ministry civil servant, joined the S D P on its foundation in 1981.

Asked if his membership had brought him into conflict with either Conservative or Labour administrations, Ponting answered: "No, not at all. I working with governments of think civil servants get used to either party."

Ponting, 38, who admitted sending two documents on the sinking of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano to Mr Tom Dalyell, Labour M P for Linlithgow, told the jury he had been looking forward to advancement within the Civil Service after being awarded the O B E for an efficiency programme under the command of Sir Derek Rayner.

'Gardening leave'

But then he had a spell of what he described as "gardening leave," Civil Service jargon for a paid leave while a job could be found for him.

He said Sir Derek had always been worried that those who took a critical view of the department might be penalised. He mentioned his own predicament when he met Mr Clive Priestley, who was Sir Derek's deputy on the efficiency project.

"I subsequently got to learn that Sir Derek had mentioned it to the Prime Minister. Clive Priestley told me he had intervened directly with the Prime Minister."

Within a matter of days, said Ponting, he was back in the Defence Ministry dealing with defence budgeting and programming and was promoted to Assistant Secretary. At the age of 35 he found himself a lot younger than contemporaries.

Ponting said he enjoyed the job greatly. "I was completely in tune with it. I was working closely with John Nott during the Defence Review and found no problems at all. I thoroughly enjoyed it."

In tune politically

When asked if he ever considered himself out of tune politically, he replied: "I would have said I was 'in tune' particularly in the way it had tackled the problems within the Civil Service and the way it needed to be tackled."

Ponting, of Cloudesley Road, Islington, denies a charge of breaching Section Two of the Official Secrets Act and claims that Mr Dalyell was an authorised recipient of the leaked documents.

Earlier a claim that Mr Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, personally insisted that the Ponting disclosures be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions was denied by a senior Ministry official.

Mr Richard Hastie-Smith, a Deputy Under Secretary, also denied telling Ponting that the matter could not be dealt with internally because "Ministers were jumping up and down."

Det Chief Insp THOMAS HUGHES of the Ministry of Defence police said that Ponting had made a point of telling him that he had recently changed his faith to Buddhism.

"And you followed that matter up, connecting it in some way with his motive for sending off some papers about the sinking of the Belgrano?" asked Mr BRUCE LAUGHLAND, Q C, defending.

"Yes, sir," replied Mr Hughes. He added that Ponting said his change of faith had not changed his views about the Belgrano business.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Ministers 'too zealous' over drug secrets

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

MINISTERS acted "over-zealously" in requiring seven specially-appointed medical advisers to sign the Official Secrets Act, Mr Clarke, Health Minister, said yesterday.

He was explaining the decision after the British Medical Association expressed "amazement" that the six doctors and a pharmacist should have been asked to sign the Act.

They were called in by the Department of Health last December to help Ministers to devise a limited list of drugs from which doctors will be required to prescribe from next April.

The list is bitterly opposed by the B M A, who have refused to discuss details with the Government of what drugs should be included.

Mr Clarke said the request for the seven to sign the Act was "more or less automatic."

'Total trust'

"Perhaps in this case it was a little over-zealous. We shall be looking into it. These are distinguished and senior people in whom we can have total trust."

A B M A spokesman said they were pleased to know Mr Clarke thought his department had acted over-zealously.

The B M A suspect that the advisers are being "muzzled" because the D H S S intends to reject their advice but does not wish this to become apparent when its limited list of drugs is published, probably early next month.

The advisers are: Prof Alasdair Breckenridge, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, Liverpool; Prof David Morrell, Professor of General Practice, London; Dr John Tomlinson, a Hampshire G P; Dr Duncan Colin Jones, Consultant Physician, Portsmouth; Prof Eric Strand, Professor of Child Health, London; Prof Malcolm Hodkinson, Professor of Geriatric Medicine, London; and Mr David Coleman, retail pharmacist, Norwich.

MANX FERRY LINK TO BE CLOSED

By Our Shipping Correspondent

The 154-year-old ferry service from Liverpool to the Isle of Man will end in April as part of a deal in which Sealink will acquire 40 per cent. of the shares of financially-troubled Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.

In exchange, the Douglas-based firm will take over the Heysham-Isle of Man route from Manx Line, a Sealink subsidiary.

Yachtsman David Scott-Cowper in Plymouth yesterday after completing his third single-handed circumnavigation of the world—this time in a motor boat. He was at sea for 296 days in his ex-lifeboat Mabel E Holland, and caught his family by surprise, arriving three days earlier than planned.

'Keep within law' call to Labour councils

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

MR NEIL KINNOCK appealed to the leaders of Labour councils last night not to break the law and be driven from office.

The Labour leader told the party's Local Government Conference in Birmingham that they should achieve the best possible settlement from the Government and remain in office to carry through the implementation of the settlement to the communities they serve.

Mr Kinnock was backed in his appeal, which was heard by leading members of all the 16 Labour-controlled authorities which are threatened with rate-capping, by Dr John Cunningham, the Environment spokesman.

The response of the Labour councils threatened by rate-capping is the major theme of the conference. No council has yet made a final decision on its strategy, but some are threatening to refuse to fix a rate.

Mr Kinnock said that over the last five years, the Government has offered only imposition, depravation, threats and abuse to local government.

"That is no basis for national development or personal justice," he said. The traditional relationship between central and local government had been shattered by an administration which, "in its cuts and penalties, its increase in responsibilities and decrease in powers, is taking both the 'local' and the 'democracy' out of 'local democracy.'"

Mr Kinnock argued that the principle of partnership could best be put into effect by "asserting the responsibility of councils and councillors to secure the best possible conditions for the communities that they represent."

FERRIES BLOCKADE ENDED

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

A HIGH COURT order reopened the blockaded ferry port at Portsmouth yesterday while Dover seamen resumed work after being told there would be redundancy pay-offs of up to £30,000.

The trouble arose because hundreds of redundancies are to follow the takeover of the English Channel ships of P & O Ferries by European Ferries, owner of the Townsend Thoresen fleet.

The three ferry berths at Portsmouth had been blocked since Wednesday by the strike-bound Townsend ships Dragon, Lion and Viking Valiant, so halting services from the port by Brittany Ferries and Sealink.

The Queen's Harbourmaster obtained a seven-day injunction ordering the Lion to be moved so that Brittany could restore services to St Malo and Sealink to the Channel Islands.

Takeover meeting

At Dover, more than a thousand members of the National Union of Seamen went to a meeting over implications of the takeover.

Mr Colin Bennett, branch secretary, said the union was discussing the possibility of redundancy payments of up to £30,000 for men with 25 years' service with either P&O or Townsend.

More than 300 shore staff taken over from P&O have already been given redundancy notices at Southampton and Dover. It is also expected that at least 200 Dover seamen will be made redundant because Townsend intends to axe one of the three ships from the former P&O route to Boulogne.

Sealink strike

Ferry services between Newhaven and Dieppe were cancelled until further notice last night because of a strike by the crew of one of the French-operated Sealink ferries. Nearly 200 passengers and 23 cars who had left Newhaven on the 10 a.m. sailing were returned to port seven hours later.

450 'DISMISS THEMSELVES' IN FLEET ST. ROW

By Our Industrial Staff

About 450 administrative staff at the DAILY MAIL offices in London, among them the switchboard operators and wages clerks, were deemed to have dismissed themselves yesterday after going on unofficial strike over a wages and hours claim.

Mr Peter Chadwick, the paper's general manager, said last night that production of the paper was not being affected.

The claim is for a new house agreement giving wage increases, a reduction in the working week to 30 hours and extra holidays. Those on strike are all members of the 600-strong clerical chapel of the print union Sogat 82.

'GUARDIAN' ROW

Extra £35 sought

Management of the GUARDIAN newspaper said yesterday that it is hoping for talks with the National Graphical Association on Tuesday to resolve a dispute with composing room employees who are engaged in a go-slow over a pay claim.

The paper has been losing an average of 40,000 copies a night for the past three weeks because of the trouble. The N G A members are seeking an extra £55 a week.

Receiver of NUM assets denies rift with sequestrators

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

MR MICHAEL ARNOLD, the court-appointed receiver of the assets of the miners union, denied yesterday that there was any rift between him and the sequestrators appointed earlier by the High Court to take possession of the union's funds.

His denial followed a statement by his solicitors on Thursday that Mr Arnold may apply to the High Court to end the sequestration now that £5 million of assets have been collected and the union's £200,000 contempt fine has been paid.

This surprised lawyers in Dublin, where both the receiver and the sequestrators are asking the Irish High Court to release a further £2,700,000 of union funds frozen in the Bank of Ireland Finance.

Although counsel for both the receiver and sequestrators have stressed that they are separate, independently appointed officers of the English court, it was thought strange that Mr Arnold should disclose his intentions while the Irish case continues.

In his statement issued in London yesterday, his solicitors said the application to end the sequestration would be made because the receiver thought it in the union's interests to "get out of sequestration," now that the fine was paid and the costs could be paid from funds already seized.

Not a conduit

Mr Arnold's statement was prompted by reports of a claim by Mr George Staple, a solicitor for the sequestrators, that any N U M assets recovered by the receiver would necessarily be handed over to the sequestrators and that the receiver was a mere conduit.

Mr Arnold said he wanted to make it clear this was not position. He was conscious of his responsibility to all miners and it was not realistic to suppose that the court would confiscate all the N U M funds, particularly in view of the number of miners interested in the assets but innocent of any contempt.

It is understood that his statement was approved by Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, the High Court judge who appointed Mr Arnold as receiver last December.

Mr Arnold, who was in Dublin yesterday for the Irish High Court action said he thought it unlikely any application would be made in London to end the sequestration before the Irish case ended. But he would consider the position with counsel this weekend.

Irish case

In the Irish case lawyers for the union claim that the sequestration and the receivership order were penal and not enforceable in Ireland. They also claim that enforcement in Ireland would be contrary to public policy and inconsistent with Article 29 of the Irish Constitution.

When the hearing opened yesterday there was a brief clash between counsel, when Mr PAUL CARNEY, S C, for the N U M, made reference to Mr Arnold's statement issued in London on Thursday.

He asked Mr Justice BARRINGTON whether during the Dublin case there was going to be a change in the parties bringing the action against the union.

There were strong objections to Mr Carney's question from Mr NIAL FENNELLY, S C, for the sequestrators, who claimed Mr Carney was intervening at the start of each day's hearing just to get publicity.

Not a punishment

Mr PETER SHANLEY, S C, for the receiver, told the judge that the receiver was not seeking to enforce an order of the English courts in Ireland but sought recognition of the assignment to him of the union's funds which followed the receivership order.

If the writ of sequestration had been issued in Ireland it would have been recognised as a mode of enforcing compliance with a court order and not as a punishment for disobedience, he said.

Mr WILLIAM BLACKBURNE, Q C, who was called by the sequestrators as an expert witness, said the London sequestration writ authorised the sequestrators to recover the assets wherever they may be. Their authority was not limited to assets within the jurisdiction of English courts.

In addition, however, Mr Justice Nicholls on Nov. 3 last year had specifically authorised the sequestrators to bring proceedings in the Irish Court.

If the union had wished to challenge the authority of the sequestrators to bring the Irish proceedings, they should have done so in the English courts. They had the chance to apply to vary the terms of the sequestration order but so far as he knew they had not done so.

Need to apologise

Even though the fine had been paid the sequestrators were still obliged to collect the union's assets. While he accepted there was a rule of private international law against enforcement of penal orders in a foreign state, he did not believe this case came within that rule as the sequestration itself was not penal.

Cross-examined by Mr JOHN COOKE for the N U M, Mr Blackburne said that if the union wanted the sequestration discharged it would have to go before the judge and apologise and give an undertaking to comply with the court orders. In his view it would not be open to the receiver to purge the N U M's contempt.

The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday.

T&G fury over £2,402 legal bill

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE Transport and General Workers' Union has protested about "twisted values" after receiving a bill for £2,402 legal costs from Austin Rover, part of which relates to "just over 14 hours of work by an assistant solicitor" at £60 an hour.

The costs were incurred by the company in the course of its action for damages against the union following the 15-day pay strike last November.

The union's general secretary, Mr Moss Evans, is so outraged by the size of the bill, and particularly by the solicitor's hourly rate, that he asked the editor of his union journal, the T & G RECORD, to make it front page news in the February issue, published yesterday.

It starts: "Fancy a job at £60 an hour on top of your normal wages for posting letters? If so apply to the Austin Rover solicitors."

The journal reproduces part of a letter from Austin Rover in which it says that its lawyers' normal hourly rate is £30 but argues that this "should be subject to an increase of 100 per cent. representing an uplift for care and attention which is justified by the importance and urgency of the matters in hand."

Mr Evans is quoted in the paper as saying: "It brings in the whole question of justice. No wonder we don't hear of lawyers going on strike. Our members will be lucky to get £50 for 14 hours yet these people are demanding nearly £2,500."

He is angry, too, about a bill for "process server's charges (for service of affidavits, Notice of Motion)." These documents, he complains, were simply delivered through the normal post.

The journal article makes it clear that £1,487·50 of the £2,402 total bill relates to counsel's fees. But it grumbles that the £60-an-hour charges shows "twisted values" when set against production worker's pay.

The union was fined £200,000 in the court action during November after Mr Justice Hodgson described their stance as "one of the worst cases of disobedience of orders of this court that there can have been." It refused to pay and sequestrators later secured the money.

BT's £95,000 AWARD FOR CRASH VICTIM

British Telecom is to pay £95,000 damages to a woman motorist who claimed it was to blame for an icy patch of road which caused her car to skid and crash.

Susan Sutton, 34, a computer operator, of Stoke Hill, Stoke St Michael, Bath, alleged in the High Court that Telecom workmen caused the accident by pumping water on to the road.

When her car hit the ice on the A361 near Glastonbury on Dec. 17, 1981, it skidded and collided with a lorry. She suffered head injuries which left her with double vision. Mr Justice Beldam gave judgment against British Telecom, who denied negligence but agreed to pay damages and costs.

FEAT STABBING MURDER CHARGE

Gary Thomas Lambert, 20, unemployed, of Blackbush Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Romford, East London, was remanded in custody for a week by Redbridge magistrates yesterday, charged with murdering Catherine Glavin, 24, of Aston Mews, Chadwell Heath.

Her body was found by her flatmate on Thursday with 60 stab wounds. Lambert consented yesterday not to appear again until March 1.

17·5pc JOBLESS

A record 17½ per cent. of the Irish Republic's work-force is unemployed, according to figures issued in Dublin last night. The total of 234,064 jobless is more than 8,600 up on last month's figure.

Cable across road ambushed miner

STRIKING miners who ambushed a working colleague by stringing a cable across the road in the path of his motor-cycle were each sentenced to 18 months' youth custody at Derby Crown Court yesterday.

SIMON BROOKES, 18, of Nether Avenue, Killamarsh, near Chesterfield, and ROBERT TRAVIS, 19, of Westthorpe Road, Killamarsh, were found guilty of intending to cause Philip Wheelhouse, a working miner, grievous bodily harm.

Mr RICHARD INGLIS, prosecuting, told the jury how the pair stretched a plastic cable across a road that Mr Wheelhouse took on his way to work.

Mr Wheelhouse kept control of his motor-cycle after running into the cable and escaped with a cut lip. The pair claim they only intended to stop him so they could throw paint over his motor-cycle.

Passing sentence, Judge BRIAN WOODS said, "This has nothing to do with politics and this has nothing to do with the threat that Mr Wheelhouse posed to the success of the strike. He had already been bothered by striking miners and he had been expecting some sort of trouble.

"Why you have to get out before dawn to pursue a single miner who had the guts to go to work, I don't know. This was as deliberate an offence as can conceivably be."

The judge awarded £15 to the anonymous man who gave police information which led to the arrest of Travis and Brookes.

12,000 PHONES CUT

More than 12,000 telephone lines were cut off in central Bristol yesterday by a cable fault at one of British Telecom's newest exchanges. The hitch coincided with the launch of an administrative efficiency drive by B T.

£14m ROLLS DEAL

Rolls-Royce has received a five-year contract, worth more than £14 million, to develop the Adour engine that will power the U.S. Navy's version of the British Aerospace Hawk trainer.

RATE RISES FEAR FOR PIT TOWNS

By Our Local Government Correspondent

RATEPAYERS in mining areas could face stiff increases in their rate bills because of the cost of providing free school meals and housing benefits to the families of striking miners.

The councils are under a legal obligation to provide the meals to families on supplementary benefit.

Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, is considering a request from Mr Jack Lavden, chairman of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, that the spending should be disregarded in calculating grant penalties as with the costs of policing the dispute.

Otherwise the implications for ratepayers in the four Labour-controlled council areas involved could be serious.

Penalties may treble

Doncaster has spent £2,100,000, Barnsley £2 million, Wakefield £1,400,000 and Rotherham £750,000, Mr Lavden said. If the Minister refuses to disregard the spending, the penalties involved could almost treble the cost to the ratepayer.

Barnsley, for example, estimates that the extra services would have cost nearly £2,670,000 by the end of the financial year. If penalties were added, the final cost would be £6,480,000.

340 MORE JOBS

By Our Business Correspondent

Jobs for 340 are expected to be created this year by Terex Equipment, the heavy construction equipment firm based at Newhouse, Motherwell.

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'The greater the risk, the greater their courage . . . and the greater our loss'

● Mrs Thatcher offering a sympathetic word to Mrs Queenie Fletcher, mother of W P c Yvonne Fletcher, and her daughters Heather (left), Sarah and Debbie (right), after the Prime Minister had unveiled the memorial to the murdered policewoman in St James's Square. In the background are Mr Steel, Liberal leader, and Dr Owen, S D P leader.

● A fellow policewoman pays her own personal tribute to the memory of W P c Fletcher. Picture: SRDJA DJUKANOVIC

THATCHER PAYS TRIBUTE AT SCENE OF Wpc's MURDER

By DAVID GRAVES

W Pc Yvonne Fletcher

WITH "humility and pride" Mrs Thatcher unveiled a memorial in St James's Square yesterday to policewoman Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot dead outside the Libyan People's Bureau last April.

Watched by more than 1,000 people, many carrying flowers which they later placed by the memorial, the Prime Minister spoke of the enormous debt everyone owed the police.

Speaking only yards from the spot where W Pc Fletcher, 25, was murdered, Mrs Thatcher said the 4ft-high memorial would be a constant reminder to Londoners and visitors of that debt.

"Without them the law could not be upheld," she said. "Without them, indeed, there would be no law and no liberty."

The Portland stone memorial, bearing the Metropolitan Police insignia and a granite face with the inscription: "Here fell Wpc Yvonne Fletcher, April 17, 1984," was the first to be publicly erected to the police in Britain.

'Grievous loss'

Windows and balconies overlooking the square were packed by office workers during the ceremony also attended by the leaders of Britain's three other major political parties and the murdered policewoman's family.

Mrs Thatcher, watch by friends and former colleagues of WPc Fletcher, said: "Her death was a grievous loss—to her family, to the Metropolitan police, and to all of us.

"We have become used to seeing our policemen and women respond magnificently to any challenge. But we must never take their professionalism for granted.

"Too often we hear that our police have been killed or wounded on duty. This has got to stop — and every single citizen has a duty to help make it stop.

"Our police uphold the law without regard to their own feelings and their own safety, never knowing what the day might bring. The greater the risk, the greater their courage. The greater their courage, the geater our loss."

The Prime Minister, dressed in black, concluded by recalling the words of Abraham Lincoln: "Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Mrs Thatcher, standing opposite the former Libyan People's Bureau — now locked, barred and empty — from where the fatal shots were fired avoided any reference to Libya.

But Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said W Pc Fletcher had been carrying out a routine police duty supervising a demonstration when "she was gunned down by assassins firing from the Libyan People's Bureau.

"Such an unwarranted and insanely murderous reaction from an embassy had previously been beyond the imagination of any police officer or other citizen."

Wpc Fletcher's parents, Tim and Queenie, and her sisters, Heather 23; Sarah, 18, and Debbie, 13, watched the ceremony accompanied by Mr Kinnock, Labour leader; Mr Steel, Liberal leader, and Dr Owen, leader of the S D P.

Mr Fletcher, who had travelled to London with his family from their home in Semley, Wiltshire, said: "We were very moved by the ceremony. Of course it was a sad day for all of us but we were glad to see so many people here to honour Yvonne."

Libyans' tribute

Pc Michael Liddell, the murdered policewoman's fiancé, took his place on one of the stands for the ceremony station, where W Pc Fletcher was based.

The largest of the many bouquets and floral tributes placed around the memorial came from a Libyan family. A card said: "From the Creds family (Libyan family) with deepest sympathy."

After the ceremony a number of Wpc Fletcher's former colleagues and friends paid their respects, including a blind couple, Mr Bill Penfold and his wife Pauline, of Mile End, who had regularly met the young policewoman on her beat in Covent Garden.

Mrs Penfold burst into tears as she felt the memorial with her hands.

The stone was erected by the Police Memorial Trust, formed by Mr Michael Winner, the film producer and director, shortly after WPc Fletcher's death. Three Cabinet members contributed as well as peers, show business personalities, institutions and companies.

Mr Winner, recalling the deaths of other police officers, said it was the trust's intention to erect similar memorials "whereever they fall."

● An emotional moment for a blind couple, Mr Bill Penfold and his wife Pauline, who often met W P c Fletcher on her beat in Covent Garden.

● Musical tribute: The Metropolitan Police Band marching past the memorial to W P c Fletcher.

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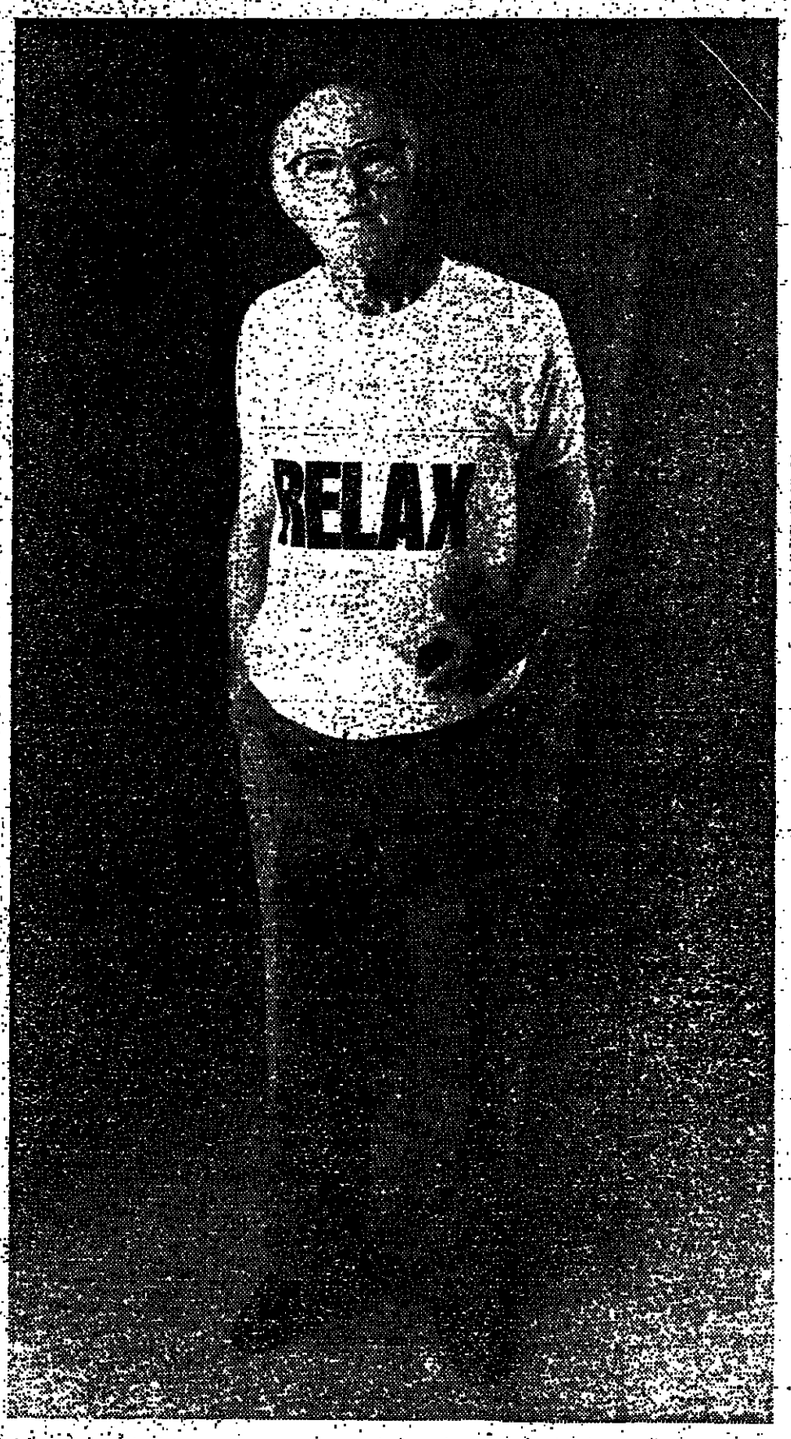

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Sunday 3 Feb 3.15 pm	SHURA CHERKASSKY (piano) Bach/Busoni Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C; Schumann Kreisleriana, Op.16; Chopin Sonata in B minor, Op.58; Gershwin Three Preludes; Strauss/Godowsky Wine, Women and Song. £2, £3, £4, £5, £5.50, £6, £7 — Ibbs & Tillett Ltd
Sunday 3 Feb 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yuri Temirkanov (conductor) John Lill (piano) Rimsky-Korsakov Entrance and Cortège of the Nobles (Mlada); Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1; Mussorgsky/Ravel Pictures from an Exhibition. £2.50, £3.80, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 — RPO Ltd
Monday 4 Feb 7.30 pm	INSURANCE ORCHESTRA Philip White (cond) Maureen Smith (vln) Richard Pilkner (organ) Tchaikovsky Overture, 1812; Delius The Walk to the Paradise Garden; Philip White Violin Concerto (1st pf); Saint-Saëns Symphony No.3 (Organ). £2, £2.50, £3, £3.50, (only) — Insurance Orchestral Society
Tuesday 5 Feb 7.30 pm	In the presence of HRH The Duke of Kent. LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Klaus Tennstedt (conductor) Alfred Brendel (piano) Beethoven Piano Concerto No.4; Bruckner Symphony No.4. £3, £4, £5, £5.50, £8, £9, (only) — LPO Ltd
Wednesday 6 Feb 7.30 pm	YMSO James Blair (conductor) Vovka Ashkenazy (piano) Henze Heliogabalus Imperator; Schumann Piano Concerto; Respighi Roman Festivals. £2, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50 £6.50 — YMSO
Thursday 7 Feb 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yuri Temirkanov (conductor) Dmitri Alexeev (piano) Saint-Saëns Danse macabre; Grieg Piano Concerto; Falla Three Dances from The Three-Cornered Hat; Stravinsky Firebird Suite (1945). £3.80, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 (only) — RPO Ltd
Friday 8 Feb 7.30 pm	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Günter Wand (conductor) Mozart Serenade in D, K.239 (Serenata Notturna); Stravinsky Pulcinella Suite; Schumann Symphony No.4. £1.50, £3, £4.50, £7, £9 — BBC
Saturday 9 Feb 7.30 pm	CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA Simon Standage (director/violin) Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet) Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E flat; Albinoni Adagio; Bach Brandenburg Concerto No.6; Vivaldi The Four Seasons. £2.50, £3.80, £4.70, £5.80, £6.90, £8.00 — Victor Hochhauser
Sunday 10 Feb 3.15 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yehudi Menuhin (conductor) Bernard d'Ascoli (piano) Rossini Overture, The Thieving Magpie; Beethoven Piano Concerto No.3; Tchaikovsky Symphony No.6 (Pathétique). £9.00 (only) — RPO Ltd
Sunday 10 Feb 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Yevgeny Svetlanov (conductor) Rimsky-Korsakov Overture, The Maid of Pskov; Mussorgsky Night on the Bare Mountain; Borodin Polovtsian Dances from Prince Igor; Tchaikovsky Symphony No.5. £2.50, £3.70, £4.80, £5.90, £7, £8, £9 — LPO Ltd
Monday 11 Feb 7.30 pm	THE BACH CHOIR English Chamber Orchestra Sir David Willcocks (cond) Patrizia Kwella (soprano) Catherine Wyn-Rogers (contralto) Maldwyn Davies (tenor) Henry Herford (bass) Handel Judas Maccabaeus. £2.50, £3.70, £5.00, £6.50, £7.50, £8.50 — The Bach Choir
Tuesday 12 Feb 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Klaus Tennstedt (conductor) Mozart Symphony No.41 (Jupiter); Mahler Symphony No.1. £2.50, £3.70, £4.80, £5.90, £7.00, (only) — LPO Ltd
Wednesday 13 Feb 5.55 pm	CELEBRATING 1685 Bach/Handel/Scarlatti Peter Hurford (organ) With the Choristers of New College Oxford Bach Concerto No.1 in G, BWV.592; Bach Chorale Preludes from the Orgelbüchlein, BWV.616-631, Bach Prelude & Fugue in G, BWV.541. £1.50 unreserved — GLC
Wednesday 13 Feb 7.30 pm	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Jane Glover (cond) Peter Katin, Martin Humphries, Mayumi Fujikawa, Nobuko Imai, Simon Callow (narr.). Mozart Explored Series: Final Year of Service: Salzburg 1780-1781 Mozart Symphonies Nos.32 & 34; Sinfonia Conc. K.364; Conc for 2 pnos, K.365. £3.50, £4.50, £6, £7, £8, £9 — Haydn-Mozart Society
Thursday 14 Feb 7.30 pm	VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE CLASSICS London Concert Orchestra Nicholas Cleobury (cond) Stephen Hough (pno) Tchaikovsky Fantasy-Ov, Romeo & Juliet; Sleeping Beauty Waltz; Rachmaninov Pno Conc No.2; Bizet Preludes from Carmen; Ravel Bolero. £3, £4, £5, £6, £7, £8 — Raymond Gubbay Ltd
Friday 15 Feb 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Wolfgang Sawallisch (conductor) Daniel Barenboim (piano) Brahms Piano Concerto No.2; Strauss Ein Heldenleben. £3.50, £4, (only) — Philharmonia Ltd

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Tuesday 5 Feb 7.45 pm	ACADEMY OF LONDON Richard Stamp (cond) Sarah Francis, Thea King, Gavin McNaughton (bssn) Frank Lloyd, Maggie Heilweil (sop) Mozart Sinfonia Concertante, K.297b; Concert aria, Ah, lo previdi; Bassoon Concerto, K.191; Symphony No.29, K.201. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 — Academy of London
Wednesday 6 Feb 5.55 pm	CELEBRATING 1685 Bach/Handel/Scarlatti Gillian Weir (organ/harpsichord/piano) Bach Preludes and Fugues from the Well-Tempered Clavier, Books 1 and 2. £1.50 unreserved — Greater London Council
Wednesday 6 Feb 7.45 pm	ALDO CICCOLINI (piano) Mozart Sonata in B flat, K.333; Fantasia in C min. K.475; Sonata in C min. K.457; Liszt 6 Consolations; Funerailles; Mephisto Polka; Valse Impromptu; Paraphrase d'opera, Lucia e Parisina. £3.00, £3.50, £4.00, £4.50, £5.00 — Dido Senger
Thursday 7 Feb 7.45 pm	THE LONDON RAGTIME ORCHESTRA Jazz 'n' Joplin Recreating the authentic sound of orchestral ragtime and jazz from the turn of the century to the 1920's & featuring the works of Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton and A.J. Piron. £4.00, £5.00, £6.00 — Norman Meadmore Ltd
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Saturday 9 Feb 6.00 pm	MONTEVERDI CHOIR English Baroque Soloists John Eliot Gardiner (conductor) Bach Mass in B minor (There will be no interval during this performance). £2 (only). — Monteverdi Choir & Orchestra Ltd
Sunday 10 Feb 3.00 pm	CRISTINA ORTIZ (piano) Liszt Sonetto 104 del Petrarca; Schumann Sonata in F sharp minor, Op.11; Chopin The Four Scherzi. £2.00, £4.00 — Harrison/Parrott Ltd
Sunday 10 Feb 7.15 pm	ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE John Lubbock (cond) Alison Hargan (sop) Linda Strachan (cont) Howard Milner (ten) John Tomlinson (bass) Sibelius Pelléas et Mélisande; Mozart Requiem. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 — Orchestra of St. John's Smith Square
Monday 11 Feb 7.45 pm	BORODIN STRING QUARTET Borodin Quartet No.2 in D; Stravinsky Three Pieces for string quartet; Beethoven Quartet in F, Op.59 No.1 (Rasumovsky). £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 — Van Walsum Management
Tuesday 12 Feb 7.45 pm	DMITRI ALEXEEV (piano) Brahms Two Rhapsodies, Op.79; Schubert Sonata in A minor, D.845; Schumann Fantasie in C, Op.17. £3, £4, £5, £6 — Harold Holt Ltd
Wednesday 13 Feb 7.45 pm	GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA Geraint Jones (cond) Aisling Heneghan (hpschd) William Bennett (flute) Bach Suite No.2; Bach Harpsichord Concerto in D minor, BWV.1052; Falla Harpsichord Concerto; Mozart Eine kleine Nachtmusik. £3, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50 — Kirckman Concert Society Ltd
Thursday 14 Feb 7.45 pm	ARNALDO COHEN (piano) Bach/Busoni Chaconne; Beethoven Sonata in B flat, Op.22; Debussy Images, Book I; Prokofiev Sonata No.7 in B flat. £2.00, £4.00 — Gilder Bonello Management
Friday 15 Feb 7.45 pm	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Jeffrey Tate (conductor) Heinz Holliger (oboe) Mozart Symphony No.38 (Prague); Strauss Oboe Concerto; Mozart Symphony No.36 (Linz). £2.50, £4.50, (only) — E.C.O. & Music Society Ltd

PURCELL ROOM

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Tuesday 5 Feb 7.30 pm	NICHOLAS JONES (cello) GAYLE LIGHT (piano) 1st Performance of IAN PARROTT's Suite for cello & piano; Beethoven Sonata, Op.102 No.2; Lennox Berkeley Andantino; Shostakovich Sonata, Op.40; Granville Bantock Hamabdil. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50 — W.H. Jarvis
Wednesday 6 Feb 7.30 pm	PAMELA KUHN (soprano) STEPHEN WILDER (piano) Schubert Five Settings of Goethe; Drei Gesänge der Elfen; Wolf Five Settings of Goethe; Mahler Four songs; Strauss Five songs. £2.50 — Grapevine Concert Management
Thursday 7 Feb 7.30 pm	ARNE RICHARDS (harpsichord) Byrd Pavan and Galliard; Bach Partita in B flat, BWV.825, D. Scarlatti 5 Sonatas; Frank Stiles Sonata (Homage to Bach); Gerald Garcia Carolan Suite; Balbastre La de Caze; La Lugeac; Duphly La Forqueray; Médée. £3, £4 (only) — Association for British Music
Friday 8 Feb 7.30 pm	ERIC HILL (classical/jazz guitars/vocals) Bach/Segovia Gavotte in E; Sor Vars on a theme by Mozart; Villa-Lobos 3 Studies; Jorge Morel Latin Impressions; Ivor Mairants Jazz Suite (1st pf); Eric Hill Jazz Improvs on Standards by Ellington, Parker, etc. £2.50 — Robert White

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Tuesday 5 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	HANSSON STRING QUARTET £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80 Grapevine Concert Mgt.	Mozart: Quartet in E flat K428; Kodály: Quartet No 2 in D Op 10; Brahms: Quartet in A minor Op 51 No 2.
Wednesday 6 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PETER KATIN piano £5, £4, £3, £2 Mansgate Mnt.	Beethoven Programme 6 Variations Op 34; Sonata in F minor Op.57 'Appassionata'; Rondo in B flat. Sonata in A flat Op 110.
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Sunday 17 Feb. 3.30 p.m.	NIKOLAI PETROV piano £5, £4, £3, £2 The Entertainment Corp.	Mussorgsky: Pictures from an Exhibition; Schedrin: Sonata; Prokofiev: Tales of an old Grandmother Op 31, Sonata No 7.

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Thursday February 7 7.45pm — LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Jacek Kasprzyk (cond) Douglas Cummings (cello) Berlioz: Overture 'Le Corsaire' Elgar: Cello Concerto in E minor, Op 85. R Strauss: Don Juan. Britten: The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. £8.50 £7.50 £6.50 £5.50 £4 £3.

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Saturday February 9 7.45pm — LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Maxim Shostakovich (cond) Viktoria Mullova (violin) Glinka: Overture Russlan and Ludmilla. Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D Op 35. Shostakovich: Symphony No 5 Op 47. £6.50 £5.50, £3 all others sold Sponsored by British Olivetti

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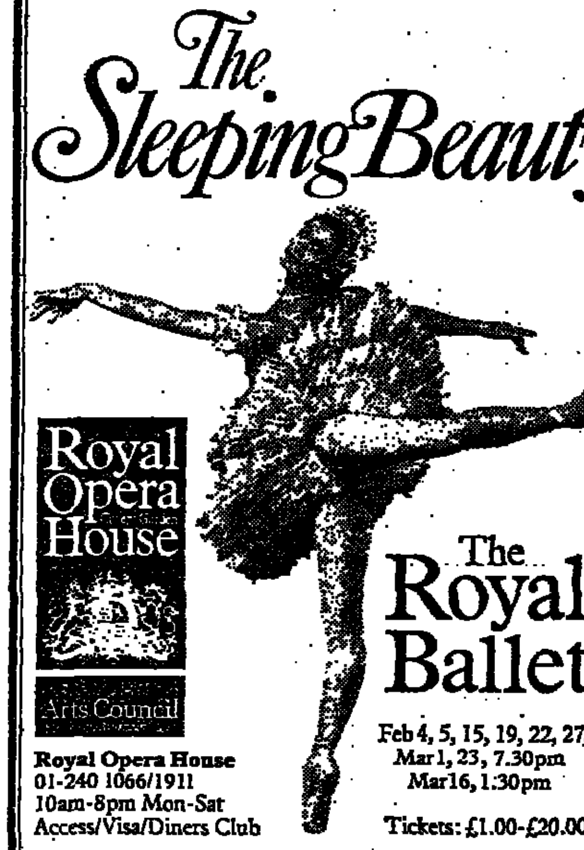

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Friday 8 Feb. 7.30 p.m. — PHILHARMONIC REPERTOIRE ORCHESTRA Eduard Melnhardt-Iturbe cond. Luis Gonzalez-Fuentes violin. Sibelius: Symphony No 7 in C Op 105. Dvorak: Romance in F minor for violin and orchestra Op 11. Brahms: Symphony No 4 in E minor Op 98. Proceeds to OXFAM. £4, £3, £2 (NUS & OAPs £1) *Elizabeth Skinner*

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Wednesday 13 Feb. 7.30 p.m. — UNIVERSITY OF SURREY PLAYERS. S. Forbes & N. Conran conds. Ann Murphy sop. John Noble bar. Tippett: Tamares. Dallapiccola: Five songs. Mowat-Brown: Preces Nocturnae. Toovey: Triptych. Schoenberg: Film Scene Op 34. Janacek: Sinfonietta. £3, £2 (NUS OAPs & UB40s £1). *University of Surrey Music Dept*

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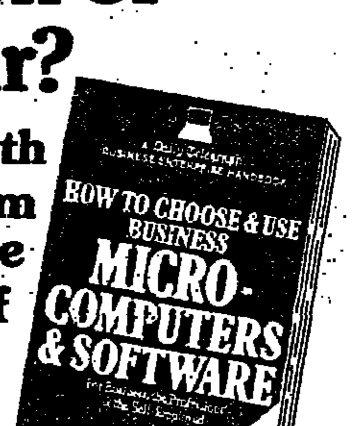

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Ambulance unions force county to shun moderates

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THREE months after agreeing to recognise a non-TUC trade union, the county ambulance authority in Devon has changed its mind after a warning from other unions that they will not sit at the same negotiating table.

Mr Terry Wiltorn, 35, national secretary of the three-year-old Association of Professional Ambulance Personnel, accused the authority yesterday of breaking its bond and adopting a "jelly-kneed response to bully-boy union tactics."

He said: "The authority wrote to us in October giving a categoric assurance that, in view of the size of our membership in the county, we would in future be granted formal recognition.

"Now the established unions have waved the big stick and the officials have run scared."

The association, created at the peak of the 1982 health workers' strike by a group of ambulancemen disillusioned with the militant approach of the main unions, has a moderate, anti-strike policy which has attracted one-in-four of Devon's 500 ambulancemen.

Series of meetings

They work beside members of other health unions, including the National Union of Public Employees, the Confederation of Health Service Employees and the Transport Union, but do not have representation on the authority's joint negotiating committee.

In October last year, after a series of meetings, Mr Alan Ruddock, deputy district administrator for Exeter Health Authority, which manages the county's ambulance service, wrote to the association saying that in view of its steadily-increasing membership, it had been agreed that "arrangements should now be made to formally recognise" it as a trade union.

The letter added: "I realise that this will be most welcome news for you and your members and I must thank you for the patient and reasonable manner in which you have pursued your claim for recognition."

Mr Ruddock has now written a second letter, in which he says "the terms of such recognition have been the subject of further consideration by the authority in consultation with the other trade unions already recognised by the ambulance service."

As a result, the association will not be recognised for bargaining purposes, but will only be given facilities for holding meetings, doing correspondence and putting it messages on notice boards.

Mr Ruddock says he realises this may be "disappointing and frustrating" for the association.

Disruption threat

He adds: "I express my regret to you if in discussing these matters I encouraged expectations which have not now materialised."

Yesterday Mr Ruddock conceded that the threat of retaliatory moves by the established unions, with possible disruption of bargaining machinery, had persuaded the authority to change its mind.

He said: "I wouldn't say they leaned on us. What they have done is to point out in strong terms the existing arrangements within the Health Service which have been nationally agreed for consultation purposes.

"They indicated that they would not join in the consultation procedures with the association's representatives present, and obviously that could have created serious problems.

"We don't want two sets of consultative arrangements because of the probability of conflict between them.

'Perhaps misled'

"I can sympathise with the association, and accept that they were perhaps misled by my earlier discussions with them. I am afraid they will just have to try to change the system at national level."

Mr Ruddock's response infuriated the association. With about 4,000 members nationally, it is already recognised for bargaining purposes by the Scottish, Somerset and Cornwall, and Isles of Scilly ambulance authorities.

Mr Wiltorn said: "I thought this kind of weak management attitude was a thing of the past. We won't be taking it lying down and will be seeking advice from our lawyers and from Acas."

Blood centres get new guidance on Aids

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

NEW guidance to blood transfusion centres to try to halt the further spread of the fatal disease Aids through infected blood donors were issued the Health Department yesterday.

Its action follows the death of the 51st victim of the disease, the Rev. Gregory Richards, a chaplain at Chelmsford Prison, Essex.

There is growing alarm at the spread of the disease. Mr Clarke, Health Minister, forecasts that there will be thousands of cases in two to three years unless a way can be found to halt it.

The new guidance sets out the facts about Aids—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome—and says there are three groups of people who must not donate blood.

It says: "Do *not* give blood if you are a practising homosexual or bisexual man, if you are a drug abuser who injects drugs or if you are a sexual contact of any of these people."

It says that some people in these groups may unknowingly carry the Aids virus.

The disease, for which there is no known cure, is spread via body fluids through sexual contact and through blood transfusions. It takes up to two years to develop, and infected people may pass it on without realising they are carrying the disease.

The disease is following the same pattern in Britain as it did in America, where it is now regarded as the number one health hazard.

One in three new cases there are heterosexuals rather than the homosexuals among whom the disease was at first confined. In Britain the disease is beginning to appear outside the homosexual community.

COMMUNION CUP
Users fear Aids

Dr Tony Kirkland, district medical officer for Mid-Essex, said yesterday that following the Aids death of the Rev. Gregory Richards, his department had received several calls from "eminently respectable church ladies" who had used the same communion cup as the chaplain.

He said: "They are obviously worried that they may have picked up the infection. But I can assure them there is absolutely nothing for them to worry about."

BR plan cross-London link under Thames

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

THROUGH trains from Eastern to Southern Region via Liverpool Street and a tunnel under the Thames at Wapping emerged yesterday as part of British Rail's plans to counter the impact of the M25 around London.

B R is already seeking Parliamentary permission to re-open the Snow Hill tunnel under Smithfield so London Midland Region trains from Bedford, Luton and St Albans could go direct to Croydon, Sevenoaks and Gillingham.

It also wants to develop the under-used West London route from Willesden to Clapham Junction so trains from Glasgow, Manchester and Birmingham could go to Dover and Brighton via Waterloo or a big new station at Kensington.

Now the G L C is to fund a B R study for it to share or takeover the East London line of London Transport from Shoreditch to New Cross via Shadwell, Wapping, Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks.

Its tunnel under the Thames is far larger than those of other London Transport routes. It is only lightly-used and its terminals south of the river are in British Rail stations at New Cross and New Cross Gate through which express trains already travel to places such as Hastings, Dover and Ramsgate from Charing Cross.

North of the river, the East London line terminates close to Eastern Region main lines from Southend, Norwich and Cambridge only a short distance from Liverpool Street.

The New Cross-London links would have even greater significance if a Channel Tunnel were built, making London the focal point for through services to Paris, Brussels, Rotterdam and Cologne from all the main cities of England, Wales and Scotland. Western Region could link into the West London route at Wormwood Scrubs.

REAGAN FACES BATTLE OVER BUDGET PLAN

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN has set the stage for a battle royal with Congress by approving a budget which calls for sweeping cuts in many domestic programmes while allowing a £27,000 million boost in defence spending.

Subsidised housing, medical aid for the elderly, urban development, farm price supports, child nutrition, education, family welfare and job training programmes would all be curtailed.

Mr Reagan proposes spending cutbacks, not just reductions in rate of increase, in eight of his Cabinet's 13 departments.

But, in accordance with his philosophy of enabling America to "bargain from a position of strength" with the Russians, he proposes to increase the Pentagon's allocation to £250,000 million, a boost of about 8·4 per cent, after inflation.

'Dead on arrival'

Details of the budget proposal to be submitted to Congress on Monday leaked out yesterday. They show that Mr Reagan is calling for an overall budget of £880,000 million, an increase of 1·5 per cent. over the current fiscal year.

Should Congress agree to the whole plan, which is highly unlikely, the rate of increase in government spending would be the lowest since 1965.

Mr Reagan has already been warned by both Republican and Democratic members of Congress that such a budget would be regarded as "dead on arrival" on Capitol Hill.

In other words, unless the President agreed to drastic reductions in defence spending, Congress would fashion its own budget plan, foreshadowing a long and painful effort at compromise.

Nor will many Congressmen be happy with the effect Mr Reagan's proposed budget would have on the federal deficit, now running at about £190,000 million.

The deficit would be reduced only to £160,000 million next year, with projections of further drops to £145,000 million in 1987 and £120,000 million in 1988. Mr Reagan had previously expressed his intention of bringing the deficit down at least to £85,000 million by 1988 and this figure had been seized upon by some key Congressmen as a necessary and attainable goal.

Meanwhile, the Labour Department reported that the American unemployment rate rose by 0·2 per cent. to 7·4 per cent. in January. The total number of people out of work is 8,500,000.

The increase in unemployment disappointed government economists who have said they expect the rate to decline gradually this year.

Chernenko 'vacation' may be Kremlin ruse

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

AMERICAN officials have little doubt that Mr Chernenko, 73, the Russian leader, is too ill to carry out his duties; and that he is on "vacation near Moscow" while the question of succession is resolved.

The view that the "vacation" is the Kremlin's way of playing for time is supported by diplomats in Washington, who pointed out that Mr Chernenko's predecessor, Mr Andropov, was on holiday in the months before his death in 1983.

The fact that Mr Chernenko may be recuperating from a bout of sickness is not ruled out, however.

That Mr Cherneko's name was on a set of written answers given to an American television network on Thursday was seen as the Kremlin's hope of trying toshow that he still still in charge.

The written answers were handed over by Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, Moscow's Foreign Ministry spoesman, who said Mr Chernenko was on holiday near Moscow an dthat "would be back at work."

In the answers, Mr Chernenko once again took issue with President Reagan's proposed space-based missile defence system, calling it "an offensive, or to be more precise, aggressive concept."

A State Departmentment spokesman said such a description of the proposed system was part of the Russian effort to "distort the true purposes" of the scheme.

"This is a research programme fully consistent with the anti-ballistic missile treaty. It is not an offensive weapons concept," he said.

Emphysema worsens

NIGEL WADE IN MOSCOW writes: Speculation still runs high over the health of President Cherneko, who has not appeared publicly for nearly five weeks. Some ordinary Russians and foreign diplomats think he may never appear again after unconfirmed reports that his emphysema, a chronic lung disease, has worsened seriously.

RAIL FARES RISE

By Our Lusaka Correspondent

Tanzania Zambia Railways, the major transporter of Zambian copper and other exports to the East African port of Dar-Es-Salaam, yesterday increased fares for cargo by 20 to 23 per cent. and for passengers by 30 per cent.

An Ecuadorian paratrooper escorting the Pope towards the altar in Cuenca, where he celebrated Mass on the second day of his visit to Ecuador.

Pope's visit to Peru sparks terror alert

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in Lima, Peru

THE threat of terrorist violence hung over the Pope's Latin American tour last night as the Peruvian police and military had intensive security measures for the Pontiff's arrival.

The centre of Lima was sealed off to vehicles five hours before the Pope was due to arrive from Ecuador.

Thousands of police and military guards monitored the crowds.

For the first time in his current tour, the Pope is visiting a region stricken by violence. In the last year more than 2,000 people have been killed in Peru in a virtual civil war between government forces and the shadowy Maoist terror group, Sendero Lwaminoso (Shining Path).

Bomb attacks

A direct attack on the Pope is considered improbable, but authorities are concerned that the focus of world attention on the Papal visit may spur the terrorists to a publicity-grabbing offensive. They have already shown their muscle with a series of bomb attacks in the provinces last weekend.

The security situation is complicated by the recent emergence in Peru of a new Left-wing revolutionary movement, called the Tupacamaras. Neither terrorist outfit has threatened the Catholic Church directly, but the "Senderistas" are considered militarily capable of sabotaging the tour.

Although the Pope has in the last week steered clear of direct comments on local political problems, he is expected to join in the increasingly heated debate about Peru's human rights record.

Torture and murder

The country was rocked last month by the publication of an Amnesty International report that was highly critical of President Fernando Belaunde's efforts to stamp out the Sendero Luminoso.

The government was accused of responsibility for the disappearance of hundreds of people, and of resorting to torture and murder.

The Maoist groups campaign has centred on the isolated rural province of Ayacucho, which the government has declared an emergency zone.

When the Pope make a token 75-minute visit to Ayachucho tomorrow security will be so tight the he will not leave the airport and those who want to see him will have to leave their cars, ponchos, and anything else that might conceal a weapon, at least half-a-mile away.

SRI LANKA NEWS CURB ON UNREST

By VILMA WIMALADASA in Colombo

EMERGENCY regulations banning domestic news coverage of Sri Lanka's ethnic violence were imposed yesterday by President Jayawardene's government.

Meanwhile, separatist Tamil rebels raided a telephone transmitting station in the north-western coastal region of Mannar, cutting links with Colombo, the capital.

Security forces also clashed with rebels at Tikkam in Velvettiturai after reports that boat-loads of rebels from south India were advancing towards Sri Lanka.

Washington visit

The news and pictorial censorship, which does not affect foreign correspondents, came just days after two senior Cabinet members recommended the government allow news of the conflict to circulate freely in the island nation.

Mr Lalith Athlathmudali, National Security Minister, said Sri Lanka enjoyed complete Press freedom during a visit to Washington last Tuesday.

However, the Cabinet spokesman Mr Anandatissa de Alwis, said "soft" censorship measures would be imposed. Three days ago he had declared that censorship was counterproductive saying if you did not give the public news, they would invent it.

Civil rights plea

Sri Lanka's civil rights movement yesterday urged President Jayawardene to resume negotiations to arrive at a political solution to the ethnic problem. The absence of such a solution can only result in the further erosion of the civil and democratic rights of all citizens of the country, a statement said.

The movement expressed the gravest concern over moves to arm civilians and has asked that effective action be taken to prevent this.

MASS ROUND-UP OF CRIME GANGS PLANNED

Police yesterday planned a mass round-up of members of two gangs locked in a war of revenge after the murder of Mr Masahisa Takenaka, the leader of Japan's biggest crime syndicate.

Detectives wanted to question gang bosses and members about their other illegal activities as a first step towards smashing the gangs.

Mr Takenaka, leader of the 10,400-strong Yamaguchi crime syndicate, died in hospital on Sunday after being shot in the lobby of an Osaka apartment building. Two of his henchmen were also killed.—Reuter.

232,000 CROSS SUDAN BORDER

By Our Geneva Correspondent

The number of Ethiopian refugees in Sudan reached 232,000 yesterday. They are arriving at a rate of up to 4,000 a day, the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said in Geneva.

Food supplies were being flown in at a rate which was "not luxurious, but acceptable."

£230m FOR DEFENCE

The Egyptian government has signed a £230 million contract with Contraves Italiana, a Rome advanced electronics company, for the supply of its Skyguard air defence system.—UPI.

Vote victory for Austrian coalition

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

CHANCELLOR Sinowatz's Socialist-Liberal Austrian government coalition yesterday survived an Opposition vote of no confidence in Herr Friedhelm Freschensclarger, Defence Minister.

The Minister has been under fire since he greeted Walter Reder, a convicted Nazi war criminal, on his return to Austria last week after 33 years in an Italian jail.

Chancellor Sinowatz told parliament yesterday that the Minister had made a serious mistake but that his public apology this week and his past record justified his continued presence in the government.

1944 killings

"The open admission of his mistake and the fact that until now the Defence Minister has worked correctly and successfully were the reason for my decision not to ask for his release from office," he said.

He added that Herr Frischenschlager's reception of Reder, who was convicted for his role in killing some 600 Italian civilians in 1944, did not amount to a "State welcome."

Chancellor Sinowatz had threatened to resign if the government lost the motion, and despite the continued reservations of a number of Socialist M·Ps and Ministers over Herr Frischenschlager's public apology they rallied yesterday for the sake of party unity and the continuation of the 20-month-old coalition.

The Opposition Conservative party lost the vote by 98 votes to 80. The Coalition of Socialists and members of the Right-wing Liberal party, to which the Defence Minister belongs, normally commands a majority of 21 but five members were absent yesterday.

'Damaged reputation'

Herr Alois Mock, the Conservative Opposition leader, made a personal appeal to Herr Frischenschlager, 41, to resign and "do your country a favour."

He added that the motion was being brought against the Minister "because we want to repair the damaged reputation of our country as an honourable State with democratic traditions."

Earlier Herr Mock had noted "Things must have become pretty bad in today's Austria if the Defence Minister so completely misjudges such a sensitive issue and . . . turns a humanitarian move into a political burden for the whole country."

Reder, 69, who has been deliberately kept out of the public eye since his return to his native Austria, is receiving medical treatment at the Martinek military barracks in Baden, 15 miles south of Vienna.

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HEAVY AGENDA FOR U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM

By Our Geneva Correspondent

The 43-member United Nations Commission on Human Rights will open its annual session in Geneva on Monday with a heavy agenda stretching until March 15. Sir Anthony Williams will head Britain's delegation.

There will be a review of the situations in a long list of countries, including Afghanistan, Chile, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Iran, Kampuchea, Namibia, Poland, South Afric, Western Sahara and Israeli-occupied territories.

On the opening day, but at United Nations headquarters in New York, a new convention against torture and other cruel inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment will be ratified.

BOMB VICTIM

Police said Mr Xabiere Mauterola, a French Basque militant injured by a car bomb in Bayonne, France, early yesterday, was the target of the bomb and not responsible for planting it, as had first been suspected.—Reuter.

EEC search for better ways to fight terrorism

By JOHN LICHFIELD in Brussels

COMMON MARKET governments are to rethink their joint efforts to combat terrorism following a disturbing upsurge in terrorist activity in France, Belgium, West Germany and the Netherlands.

A series of meetings between EEC government officials is expected in the next few weeks.

At Britain's request, in the wake of the Libyan Embassy siege, governments of the ten agreed last September to improve anti-terrorist co-operation between their police and security services.

There are now alarming signs that a number of previously independent terrorist groups have taken a leaf out of the EEC's own book and decided to co-ordinate action across European frontiers.

In a joint statement last month, the West German Red Army Faction and French Action Directe announced that they were launching a united campaign against Nato-related targets.

26 on fast

Belgian and Dutch terror groups—the Fighting Communist Cells and the Northern Terror Front—have declared recent attacks to be in sympathy with hunger strikes by 26 jailed terrorists in West Germany.

Belgian police are said to be investigating links between Action Directe and the Belgian group which has attacked 13 Nato targets in Belgium since October.

Community governments have refused to divulge details of a series of measures agreed in Dublin last September to strengthen anti-terrorist co-operation between security forces.

Officially, these are said to involve mainly improvements in the exchange of information, but they are also understood to include a blacklist of diplomats suspected of supporting or indulging in terrorist activity.

There was also an informal agreement to allow undercover activities by security forces to extend across European borders.

Howe raises issue

The possibility of extending this action was raised by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, when EEC foreign ministers met in Brussels last Monday and Tuesday.

According to Brussels sources, ways of combating the new wave of Euro-terrorism will be discussed at official level in the next few weeks.

The issue is also likely to be raised when foreign ministers meet informally to discuss a range of political co-operation topics in Rome in 10 days.

Ironically, the new trend in pan-European terrorism may unwittingly have been assisted by efforts by EEC countries to improve their co-operation in other fields.

Since last summer systematic checks on travellers between France, Germany and Belgium have been abandoned and replaced with limited spot checks.

Belgian police officials reportedly fear that the reduced border security may have abetted the increased co-operation between European terror groups.

General denies role in Aquino murder

By IAN WARD in Manila

GENERAL FABIAN VER, chief of the Philippine armed forces, pleaded not guilty before a civilian court in Manila yesterday to being an accomplice in the assassination of Mr Benigno Aquino, the opposition leader, in 1983.

Gen. Ver, 64, and 25 other co-accused appeared before Justice Manuel Pamaran, known in Manila's legal circles as the "hanging judge."

Yesterday's arraignment, 15 months after the killing, begins an eagerly awaited criminal trial, the outcome of which observers believe could well determine the fate of the 20-year-old dictatorship headed by President Ferdinand Marcos.

Gen. Ver is widely regarded as critical of Marcos's control of the Philippine military hierarchy, through which the President has sustained his political power since proclaiming martial law in 1972.

Head of investigatilon

Considerable controversy surrounds the fact that Gen. Ver has only been charged with being an accessory to the murder in that he participated in an attempt to cover up the facts of the crime.

Maj. Gen. Prospero Olivas, the Manila police chief who at one time headed the assassination investigation, has also been charged with being an accessory to the murder.

Should either of these two men be found guilty, they could face up to a maximum of 20 years in jail. Judge Pamaran set the first day of the trial hearings for February 7 after the prosecution asked for further time to prepare the case.

Principal defendants are 17 soldiers, among whom is Gen. Luther Custodio who headed the Manila airport security command on the day in August 1983 when Mr Aquino flew back home after three years self-imposed exile in the United States.

The charismatic opposition leader, considered at the time the greatest threat to President Marcos's continued control, was gunned down moments after stepping from a civilian jet on to the Manila airport tarmac. Seconds before, he had been taken into military custody.

In the immediate aftermath of the murder, both the military and President Marcos claimed that Mr Aquino had been assassinated by a known communist "hit man" identified as Rolando Galman.

All 26 accused are on charges involving the murder of both Mr Aquino and Galman.

WAITER ROBBED MUNICH BEER HALL CLIENTS

By Our Munich Correspondent

A Munich beer hall waiter accused of robbing his customers after putting them to sleep with knock-out drops in their beer was jailed for two years yesterday.

A Munich court convicted Rudolf Limmer, 41, on two counts of theft, one of fraud and one of receiving stolen goods.

The five judges agreed that although some kind of unidentifiable knock-out drops had undoubtedly been used in the now-closed and shuttered "Donisl" beer hall it had not been proved that Limmer had used that method to rob his customers.

8,000 FLEE CAMBODIA FIGHTING

By NANCY ANDERSON in Bangkok

MORE than 8,000 Cambodian civilians, mostly old people, women and young children fled to the Thai border for safety yesteray after fierce fighting errupted between Vietnamese soldiers and Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

An artillery and mortar fire onslaught by the Communists against the rebels was described by many observers on the Thai side of the border as one of the fiercest attacks launched against the strongest faction of the coalition government of democratic Cambodia.

Thai military officials said the fighting, which went on all day, took place deep inside Cambodian territory, opposite the

border village of Ban Klong Haad, 34 miles south of the Thai border town of Aranyaparthet. It was not clear whether the refugees would be allowed to seek shelter inside Thailand.

40 killed

The Vietnamese and the Khmer Rouge have been engaged in continud skirmishes along the southern part of the Thai-Cambodian border since the Hanoi-led troops overran most of the non-communist resistance bases near the Thai border in early January.

The communists have concentrated their efforts on eradicating the Khmer Rouge. In four days of heavy fighting, since January 29, more than 40 Khmer Rouge soldiers have been killed and another 100 injured, Thai military sources disclosed.

The Khmer Rouge, who ruled Cambodia for four years before being ousted by the Vietnamese in 1979, has 30,000 to 40,000 guerrillas in the Cambodian jungles fighting against Vietnam's 160,000 occupation troops.

E. GERMAN DEFECTS

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

An East German electrician, aged 35, working on an icebreaker defected to West Germany early yesterday after his ship docked in Gorleben on the River Elbe, border police in Hanover reported.

South Africa suspends forced resettlement

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Cape Town

THE forced removal of blacks occupying land in designated "white" areas of South Africa has been halted pending the outcome of an "extensive review" by the Government of the controversial resettlement issue.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Cooperation and Development, disclosing this in Cape Town yesterday, admitted that international criticism of the Government's removal policy had been an important though not a decisive factor.

Dr Viljoen, whose portfolio makes him responsible for African affairs, was commenting on some of the reforms for blacks outlined last week by Mr P. W. Botha, State President.

He estimated the review could affect several hundred thousand blacks living in 25 to 30 rural settlements and in a further 20 urban areas.

Allowed to stay

These are the so-called "black spots" — areas where blacks have had freehold title or other rights of tenure dating back to 1913 when the Native Land Act terminated any further purchase or acquisition of land outside tribal reserves.

Many thousands of people have already been resettled, some forcibly, under Government supervision from the "white" areas to relocation sites in black homelands.

Dr Viljoen would not predict the outcome of the Government's review of resettlement policy, but indicated that most of the communities involved would be allowed to stay put.

Apart from criticism of the policy, Dr Viljoen cited the opposition of those threatened with the removal and the fact that some of the communities had grown rapidly as reasons for the review.

In future, he said, resettlement would take place only in "essential cases" and that "where it is humanly possible" only with the negotiated agreement of those concerned.

MANDELA 'NOT A VIOLENT MAN'

By Our Lusaka Correspondent

The African National Congress said yesterday in Lusaka that it was meaningless for Mr P. W. Botha, the South African State President, to say that Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, should renounce violence for his freedom because Mandela was not violent, and nor what the ANC.

"The ANC was forced to take up arms because of the violence of the apartheid regime.

BLACK FOUND DEAD

A black youth was found dead yesterday near a school in the Eastern Cape town of Fort Beaufort, 95 miles north-east of East London, where police opened fire with birdshot to disperse rioters on Thursday night.—Reuter.

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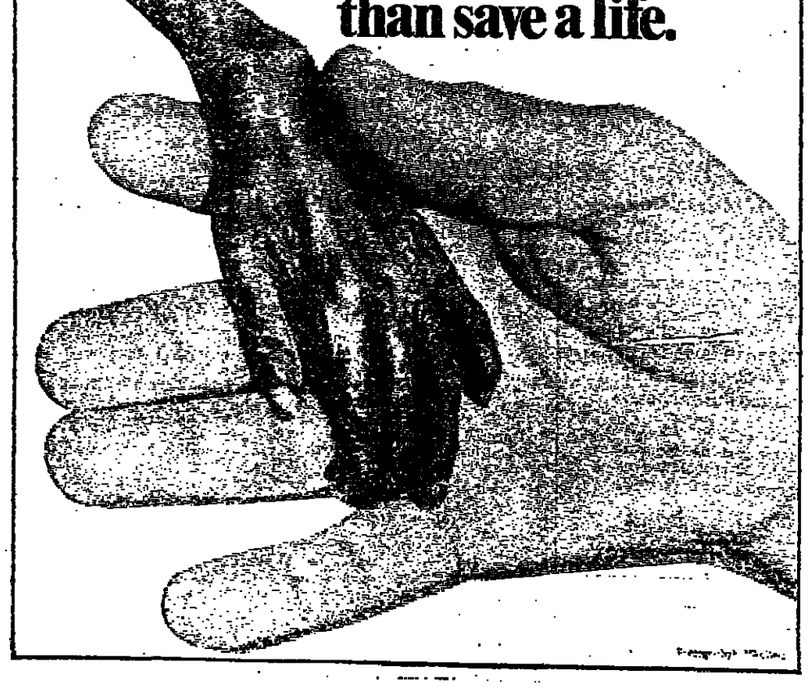

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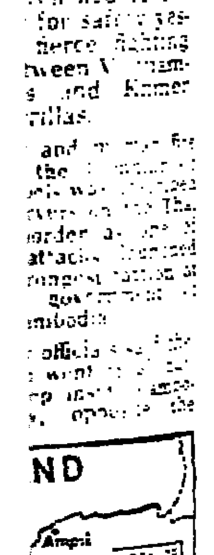

DRUG CARTEL FIRM 'TRIED TO LEAN ON EEC'

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Luxembourg

AN international drugs company tried to "lean on" the Brussels Commission to get it to drop proceedings for illegal price fixing, Herr WILLI SCHLIEDER, former Director-General of the Commission's anti-trust department, told the European Court yesterday in Luxembourg.

The approach was made after E E C inspectors raided the offices of the Swiss-based Hoffman-La Roche in Brussels and Paris, on Oct. 29, 1974, he said.

"Hoffman-La Roche attempted with the help of heavy lawyers to sweep everything under the carpet. I was approached several times privately asking if we could not come to an amicable settlement," said Herr Schlieder.

The Roche offices were raided after the E E C was given 300 pages of Roche internal company memoranda by Mr STANLEY ADAMS, then a manager in the bulk vitamins division at Roche headquarters in Basle, Switzerland.

His information about price fixing and market sharing by Roche in its bulk vitamins business led to the firm being fined DM1 million (£283,366) by the Commission in 1976. The fine was upheld by the European Court in 1979.

But Mr Adams, 57, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, was arrested in Switzerland on commercial espionage charges brought by Roche and held in jail for two months early in 1974 before being released on bail.

While he was in prison his wife Marilene, 31, committed suicide, leaving him with three young children.

Source of leak

In 1976, after leaving Switzerland, he was given a 12-month jail sentence, suspended for three years, and banned from Switzerland for five years.

He is now suing the European Commission for £500,000 damages for betraying his identity to Roche in giving the company's managers in Brussels and Paris photocopies of Roche documents he had sent to the Commission.

On the second day of the case, believed to be the first of its kind in the European Court, Judge OLE DUE of Denmark, the court president, asked Dr Schlieder about approaches to the E E C by Dr CLAUDIUS ALDER, Roche's Swiss lawyer, in attempts to discover the source of the leak.

The judge said a minute of Dr Schleider's department recorded that Dr Alder said the company's concern was not to bring criminal proceedings in Switzerland, but to know the source of the leak and take steps to prevent its repetition.

Dr Alder asked if the Commission could help by giving the informer's name.

Order over name

In return, Hoffman-La Roche would provide the documents necessary for an inquiry and would not take criminal proceedings against the informant.

In reply to the judge, Dr Schleider, a German lawyer, who left the Commission in 1981, said it had even been suggested that E E C officials could be involved in criminal proceedings in Switzerland.

"I rejected that possibility because I did not think that any criminal proceedings would ensue," said Dr Schleider.

"I could not believe any democratic nation like Switzerland could have legislation like that and apply it."

Dr Schlieder said Roche lawyers had asked for the name of the informer, but he had refused to give it. "It was not a matter open to negotiation. I was not going to engage in any bartering.

"I gave very clear instructions to my assistants that Dr Alder was to be told we never disclose the name of any informant."

Dr Schlieder said no one at the E E C looked into the possibility that Mr Adams might be prosecuted in Switzerland.

The first that the Commission had learned of Mr Adams's arrest was in an anonymous postcard in January 1975 from someone who had been with Mr Adams in jail.

Judge Due said copies of some documents provided by Mr Adams had been given by Commission inspectors to the Roche managers in Brussels and Paris. He asked if this was normal practice.

Task of inspectors

Mr Schlieder replied that there was a general instruction to officials to be careful with documents, and if possible not to use them except as a last resort.

There was a general instruction to handle such documents extremely carefully in order not to expose anyone to danger.

The task of the inspectors was to get admissions from Hoffmann-La Roche without showing any documents, and they did so only after failing in several occasions to get company co-operation.

Dr Schlieder said that after Mr Adams was arrested, the Commission's only concern was to help him.

3-DAY DIVORCE FOR GREEK MINISTER

By Our Athens Correspondent

Mr Stathis Alexandris, Greece's former Minister of Justice, was granted a divorce faster than any other Greek, including jailed George Papadopoulos, former Prime Minister, according to evidence tabled before Parliament in Athens.

Claiming "obvious pressures on the judiciary," the Opposition said Mr Alexandris and his wife were granted a divorce within only three days of the case being heard in court. Papadopoulos obtained his divorce within 10 days.

The divorce was granted in November, 1981, after Mrs Alexandris had complained of "insults and neglect," pointing out that the Minister had publicly offended her by refusing to dance because she danced "like an upright goose."

BOXER JAILED FOR SHOOTING

Gustav "Bubi" Scholz, 54, the former European light-heavyweight boxing champion, was jailed for three years yesterday in West Berlin for shooting dead his wife Helga at their home last summer.

Scholz was found guilty of negligence in shooting his wife through the neck with a rifle on July 22. He gave himself up to the police in a drunken state the following morning and has since tried to commit suicide in prison.—Reuter.

Norway shuts airports to Eastern bloc

By JULIAN ISHERWOOD in Oslo

NORWAY has closed eight of its airports to Eastern European air traffic after discovering evidence of electronic espionage on military parts of the airfields.

"With modern equipment, aircraft parked only a few hundred metres from military installations can gather a wealth of information on the ground which is not available to satellites," said Mr Nils Morten Udgaard, permanent under-secretary at the Norwegian prime minister's office yesterday.

Complete ban

"Since Norway began a programme of building up its military airfields last year, the Bulgarian charter company Bulgar Air has shown a remarkable interest in cheap flights and charters from these airports to the Black Sea," Mr Udgaard said.

Military sources said that Bulgar Air aircraft had been caught red-handed in the act of electronic espionage from runway positions.

At Flesland, Gardamoen, Sola, Varnes and Torp airports, military authorities will have a right to restrict eastern flights to certain times or to ban them completely. At Evenes and Bodoe, the two most sensitive F-16 bases, no traffic will be allowed at all for Eastern European airlines while Bardufoss airport is to be demoted to a domestic airport preventing international flights without permission.

Weinberger mix-up on crashed missile

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

THE cruise missile shot down by Russian fighters recently was not the SSN3 Shaddock which crashed in Finland on Dec. 28, Mr Casper Weinberger, Defence Secretary, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday.

Rather, it was a low-flying test vehicle on trial deep in Russian territory which was spotted by an American satellite.

The Americans have been keeping a close watch on Russian attempts to catch up with the capability of Western fighters to detect and shoot down low-flying missiles from above.

Mr Weinberger told senators that there were means of making a strategic defence system secure against slow low-flying cruise weapons, and that the Russians had demonstrated their defence "a couple of days ago."

Target Hamburg

But he went on to confuse the issue by referring to the December incident when a rogue missile penetrated Norwegian air space and came down in Finland.

His statement that the Russians had shot down the missile as it was flying over Norway and Finland lent credibility to a report that a modern SSN12 heading for Hamburg on a war-plan flight path, fed into its computer by mistake, had to be shot down by a Russian MiG-25.

British and American officials said a Shaddock missile would not have the range to reach Hamburg. The Norwegian complaint, based on radar sightings, made no mention of pursuing fighters.

Meanwhile Finnish divers delayed further attempts yesterday to recover pieces of a crashed missile from a frozen lake when temperatures fell to −40F.

NEW POLICE SQUAD FOR BOMBAY

The murder of Mr Percy Norris, a British diplomat, last November, has prompted Indian police to set up a commando-type squad in Bombay.

Police Commissioner J. F. Riberiro said the slaying of Mr Norris, Britain's deputy High Commissioner, was the first act of international terrorism in the city.

Mr Norris was shot by at least two unidentified men while he was driving to work.—Reuter.

ISLANDS WELCOME TRAWLERS

By PATRICK WATTS in Port Stanley

NEARLY 50 foreign fishing trawlers from Poland, Spain and Taiwan have obtained permission from the Falklands government to fish legally inside the protection zone which exists around the islands.

Another 50 ships from Japan and the Eastern Bloc countries such as Russia, East Germany and Bulgaria, do not officially fish inside the zone and only call into Port Stanley when injured or ill crewmen require medical attention.

RAF Hercules aircraft regularly check the zone. The most prominent users of Falklands waters are the Poles with more than 30 trawlers, transport and other ships. Last year they paid nearly £500,000 to the Falklands Government in harbour dues, entry clearance, customs and service fees.

Tax on catches

Local councillors are quick to point out that, although this revenue is welcomed, it would be more beneficial if the British Government imposed a much-requested 200-mile fishing zone around the islands, and taxed the fishing catches. It is estimated that the hard pressed Falklands economy would then benefit by several million pounds annually.

The Protection Zone which surrounds the islands extends for 150 miles. It was introduced in mid-1982 and replaced the 200-mile Total Exclusion Zone introduced during the conflict.

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Sir Joshua denies deal over Rock

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

GIBRALTAR'S Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan hit back angrily yesterday at allegations that he had been involved in a secret deal with Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, in order to get Spain to end its 16-year land blockade of the colony.

The accusations had been made by Mr Joe Bassano, leader of the Gibraltar Socialist Labour party, which controls seven of the 15 seats in the Rock's assembly.

As Customs officials both on the Rock and in Spain put finishing touches to preparations for the opening at midnight Monday to normal traffic at the frontier, at La Linea, Sir Joshua said: "I can justify everything that I have been doing.

"There has been no secret deal with Sir Geoffrey, but I had to see him in terms of confidentiality, otherwise you don't do anything in diplomacy."

Sir Joshua was replying to allegations by the Opposition leader that he had done a "180 degree turn" in allowing the question of sovereignty to be put on the agenda at the Anglo-Spanish talks on the future of the Rock and consenting to allow Spain immediate implementation of E E C rights on the Rock.

He said that Mr Bassano had "refused repeatedly to abide by a system of confidentiality," adding "whatever Sir Geoffrey Howe does, he is answerable to Parliament, and whatever I do, I am answerable to the Gibraltar Assembly."

He went on: "I can understand people being worried. Anything to do with Spain is worrying, and has been for many years. The question of sovereignty is practically the same as the 1980 Lisbon Agreement.

"There have always been suspicions in Gibraltar about Britain's intentions ever since the restrictions of 1964, and Britain was not able to retaliate. Naturally the matter concerns the heart and soul of the people of Gibraltar, he said.

"With the opening of the frontier, they are in the throes of a new experience, but the bulk of th population have implicit faith that the British Government and the British Parliament will not give way against their wishes. There has never been any nudge or pressure put upon me to think otherwise.

ITALIAN GUNMEN GRAB £60,000

Seven suspected terrorists held nearly 15 people at gunpoint yesterday and stole more than 140 million lire (about £60,000).

Police said there were about 10 clients and four employees when the seven, armed with pistols and sub-machine guns, broke into the Banca Popolare di Abbiategrasso in Buccinasco, near Milan.—A P.

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3.2 An investment certificate, bearing the date of purchase, will be issued in respect of each purchase.

HOLDING LIMITS

4.1 No person may hold, either solely or jointly with any other person, less than £2,000 or more than £50,000 of Bonds. Bonds inherited from a deceased holder will not count towards the permitted maximum. [illegible] personal capacity [illegible] Bonds held in trust count towards the permitted maximum of a beneficiary's personal holding.

4.2 The Treasury may vary the maximum and minimum holding limits and the minimum initial purchase from time to time upon giving notice. No such variation [illegible] by a Bondholder immediately before the variation in respect of a Bond then held by him.

INTEREST

5.1 Interest will be calculated on a day to day basis from the date of purchase at a rate determined by the Treasury ("the Treasury rate").

5.2 Interest will be payable on the 5th day of each month. The Director of Savings [illegible] the period of six weeks following the date of purchase until the next interest date following the end of that period.

5.3 If on repayment the Bond has, by reason of paragraph 6.1, earned less interest than the total already paid in respect of the Bond under paragraph 5.2 the balance will be deducted from the sum to be repaid. Any interest earned on the Bond and not already paid before repayment will be added to the sum to be repaid. If in the case of [illegible] payment from being made after the repayment date the amount of that interest payment will be deducted from the sum to be repaid.

5.4 The Treasury may from time to time vary the Treasury rate upon giving six weeks' notice.

5.5 The Treasury may from time to time vary the intervals at and dates on which interest is payable [illegible]

5.6 [illegible] a National Savings Bank account in the name of the minor.

5.7 Interest on a Bond will be paid without deduction of Income Tax but it is subject to Income Tax and must be included in any return of income made to the Inland Revenue.

REPAYMENT

6.1 A Bondholder may obtain repayment of a Bond at par before redemption upon giving 3 calendar months' notice. The Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date where repayment falls on or after the first anniversary of purchase. Where the repayment date falls before the first anniversary of purchase the Bond will earn interest at half the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date.

6.2 Where an application for repayment of a Bond is made after the death of the sole or sole surviving registered holder no fixed period of notice is required and the Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the date of repayment, whether or not repayment occurs before the first anniversary of the purchase.

6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool and accompanied by the investment certificate. The period of notice given by the Bondholder will be calculated from the date on which the application is received at the Bonds and Stock Office.

6.4 Application may be made for repayment of part of a Bond in an amount of £1,000 or a multiple of that sum provided that the holding of Bonds remaining after the part repayment will still fall within the minimum holding limit imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The preceding sub-paragraphs will apply to the part repaid as to a whole Bond: the remaining balance will have the same date of purchase and the same interest dates as were applicable to the original Bond immediately prior to repayment.

PAYMENTS

7 Interest will be payable direct to a National Savings Bank or other bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post. Capital will be repayable direct to a National Savings Bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post.

MINORS

8 A Bond held by a minor under the age of seven years, either solely or jointly with any other person, will not be repayable, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

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9 Bonds will not be transferable except with the consent of the Director of Savings. Transfer of a Bond or part of a Bond will only be allowed in an amount of £1,000 or a multiple of that sum and will not be allowed if the holding of the transferor or transferee would thereby be outside the holding limits imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The Director of Savings will normally give consent in the case of, for example, devolution of Bonds on the death of a holder but not to any proposed transfer which is by way of sale or for any consideration.

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10 The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraph 4.2, 5.4, 5.5 or 11 of the prospectus in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in any other manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes it will as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

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PARISH CLERGY TO DECIDE ON CHURCH MARRIAGE FOR DIVORCEES

By Canon D. W. GUNDRY Churches Correspondent

CHURCH OF ENGLAND bishops are to leave the parish clergy to decide whether to marry divorcees in church and will not be asking for General Synod to approve their own scheme for such cases.

The decision means divorcees hoping for a church marriage will now have to be living in a parish where there is a sympathetic clergyman.

Otherwise they may be met by a flat refusal or the offer of a service of prayer and dedication after marriage at a register office.

The bishops' decision follows adverse reports from the dioceses. Their scheme would have made the diocesan bishop responsible for allowing church marriages after a recommendation from the parish priest and the advice of an assessor.

Only 12 dioceses supported the plan while 31 rejected it.

The House of Bishops has now agreed that there is a substantial number of those in the Church who believe a "second" marriage is possible in some cases. Clergymen who take this view are free they decided, under civil law to allow such marriages, and several are already doing so.

Sharp divide

But it is hoped that clergymen allowing church marriages will seek the advice of their bishop.

Even a service of prayer and dedication, for which the Liturgical Commission prepared draft texts in 1981, will mean modifying the Canterbury Convocation Resolution of 1957, which opposed a service of blessing for divorcees.

Theology will exercise the minds of the General Synod more than usual when it meets at Church House, Westminster, from Feb. 12 to 15.

Efforts by those like the Rev. David Holloway, Vicar of Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to force a debate on the views of the Rt Rev. David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham, have only partially succeeded.

The issue has sharply divided the Church and the General Synod is likely to hear an acrimonious debate when it considers the bishops' recommendations in Feb. 15.

Wide-ranging debate

Instead, Dr John Taylor, the retiring Bishop of Winchester, will open a wide-ranging debate on the nature of Christian belief. Several theological heavyweights, notably divinity professors, are expected to speak at length.

The Synod will have to decide whether to ask the House of Bishops to report back in July. The clergy of the Canterbury and York Convocations and the House of Laity will be able to hold subsequent debates.

Theology will also predominate in two debates on the Church's response to the World Council of Churches Lima document on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, and to the first Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission Report, which seeks ecumenical agreement on certain basic Christian doctrines and practices.

The 44 dioceses will be invited to comment by November 1986, so that the General Synod can communicate the Church's view to the world-wide Anglican Consultative Council and later to the Lambeth Conference of Bishops.

The General Synod may decide to throw back to Parliament its Appointment of Bishops Measure, rejected by the Commons last July, which would have abolished the election of bishops by cathedral chapters, and simplified the legal ritual of episcopal confirmation.

M Ps threw out the measure partly as a warning to the Synod not to tinker much more with the traditional structure of the Church.

The debate could produce strong speeches in favour of disestablishment and some members of the Synod's standing committee would have preferred to let the matter drop.

Final approval is expected for the Patronage (Benefices) Measure. In 1977, a drastic change in the method of appointing incumbents was envisaged, which would have almost eliminated the rights of patrons.

But after many revisions, the patronage system was retained although the parish's part in the appointment was affirmed, and patrons are required to be members of the Church or of a church in communion with it.

PAIR JAILED FOR MURDER LOSE APPEAL

Two men jailed for life last March for a £10,000 contract murder lost their appeals yesterday. Anthony Bellchambers, 39, a businessman, hired Lawrence Shirley, 55, a demolition worker to kill Norman Cleary, a Fleet Street printer with whom his wife Christine was living.

Lord Justice Robert Goff sitting with Mr Justice Drake said yesterday that it was "beyond doubt" that Bellchambers, of Clapham High Street, Clapham, paid a substantial sum to Shirley, of Norval Green Estate, Brixton.

In another court yesterday Mr Justice French adjourned an attempt by Miss Lynn Cleary of Ascot House, New Road, Braintree, Essex, for damages against both Bellchambers and Shirley for the loss of Mr Cleary, her common law husband.

90 VICTIMS OF IRISH TERROR IN BRITAIN

By Our Political Staff

Acts of terrorism connected with Northern Ireland have killed 90 people on the British mainland since 1972, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, stated yesterday is a written Commons answer.

He said the toll from terrorism had been greatest in 1974, the year of the Birmingham pub bombings, when 45 people died in a series of explosions throughout the country, and in 1975 and 1982, in each of which there were 11 fatalities.

Between 1977 and 1980, only one person had been killed in a terrorist attack. Among other victims, three died in 1981, six in 1983, and five last year.

All smiles as the Princess of Wales stopped to talk to young people yesterday during a visit to the Broadwater Farm Youth Association, a community centre in Tottenham.

Anti-cane mother fails in conviction appeal

A MOTHER whose opposition to her sons being caned in school led to a court fine and the children being taken into care failed to get her conviction quashed in the High Court yesterday.

JANICE JARMAN, 33, claimed she was wrongly convicted under the 1944 Education Act by a Pontypridd stipendary magistrate last July of failing to ensure that her sons attended Y Pant Comprehensive School, Talbot Green, Mid-Glamorgan.

Mrs Jarman, of Railway Terrace, Talbot Green, accused the headmaster, Mr John Davies, of banning Christopher, now 15, and Steven, 16, from the school because she refused to change her anti-corporal punishment views.

But her appeal against conviction was dismissed by Lord Justice MAY, Mr Justice STOCKER and Mr Justice TAYLOR, who ruled that Mr Davies's refusal to allow the boys to attend was "in no way an unreasonable expulsion."

Excluding pupils

Mr Justice TAYLOR said the headmaster had been within his rights in excluding pupils whose parents catergorically refused to allow them to be subject to the school's disciplinary code.

He said the European Court of Human Rights had ruled in February, 1982, that parental objections to corporal punishment had to be respected and Parliament was planning to give effect to that decision in a new Bill.

"However, unless and until such a Bill is enacted, a disciplinary code is not contrary to the law of England and Wales," said the judge.

In October, 1983, the headmaster refused to allow the children to attend Y Pant after Mrs Jarman wrote objecting "to any form of physical punishment being administered to my children for any reason whatsoever."

Lord Justice MAY said the magistrate found that the headmaster had refused Mrs Jarman's demand that the boys should not be subjected to corporal punishment.

'Unavoidable cause'

He also found that Mrs Jarman refused to accept an offer by Mid-Glamorgan Education Authority of places for her sons at another school where there was no corporal punishment.

Mrs Jarman had known since Easter 1983 that corporal punishment was used at Y Pant and had received a brochure in which the disciplinary code was set out.

The judge ruled that Mrs Jarman's strongly-held anti-corporal punishment views could not amount under the 1944 Act to an "unavoidable cause," of the children's failure to attend the school.

Both children were placed in care following Mrs Jarman's conviction and £20 fine. The care order was discharged last December on condition that the boys attend Porth Comprehensive School — which has no corporal punishment. Both boys now attend that school.

15½-YEAR FUGITIVE SPARED

A FORMER policeman who turned burglar and spent 15½ years on the run following an escape from cells at Ipswich Crown Court appeared in the same court yesterday after giving himself up.

ALUN VAUGHAN, 39, was given his freedom by Judge JOHN TURNER, who said it was one of the most unusual cases ever to come before him.

Vaughan, a bachelor of Mossley, Birmingham, who was a policeman in Birmingham from 1962-67, said afterwards: "I am elated. I have lived a life of fear and looking over my shoulder. I absconded because I did not fancy doing porridge but I have served my punishment."

Second surrender

Vaughan had tried to surrender at Norwich prison on Christmas Eve last year, but prison officers assumed he was merely after a bed for the night and turned him away. After contacting a Norwich solicitor he finally gave himself up at Ipswich police station on Jan. 22, and had been in custody until yesterday.

He was given a 12-month conditional discharge with £75 costs after he was convicted in his absence in September 1969 of burglary at Framlingham, Suffolk, and going equipped to steal. He had also broken a six-month suspended jail sentence, but the judge ruled that should not be imposed.

The judge said: "We have considered very carefully all the circumstances and we accept that your life as a fugitive from justice over the last 15½ years can hardly have been an easy one. We have come to the conclusion that you have paid your debt to society, and it would be cruel to lock you up further."

Vaughan had worked on building sites all over the country while he was on the run. He now plans to return to his parents' home in Eastham, Tenbury Wells, Worcester, to look after their 90-acre farm.

Farmer's doodle 'matches up'

By COLIN RANDALL

A HANDWRITING expert told Bristol Crown Court yesterday that a doodle found in a Cotswold farmer's study matched an impression on a threatening note received before his wife was seriously hurt in a car bombing.

Mr MICHAEL HALL, Home Office forensic scientist, said he also discovered some "significant similiarities" between samples of GRAHAM BACKHOUSE's handwriting and the style used in two anonymous warning letters.

Backhouse, 43, of Widden Hill Farm, Horton, near Chipping Sodbury, Avon, denies attempting to murder his wife Margaret, 37, of causing her grievous bodily harm on April 9 last year.

'Scapegoat' claim

He also denies murdering Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor, 63, a neighbour. Mr Bedale-Taylor was found shot dead at Backhouse's farm three weeks later. It is alleged that Backhouse lured him there to set him up as a "scapegoat" and throw suspicion from himself for the bombing.

The prosecution claims Backhouse invented a campaign of threats against his family as part of a cover up for the bombing and that he hoped to collect £100,000 insurance on the death or serious injury of his wife.

According to the Crown, the doodle—a heavy reversed letter D—was found on a page of a shorthand notepad discovered in Backhouse's study.

Mr Hall told the jury the doodle and some of the handwriting outlines surrounding it matched impressions on the back of a note warning "you next" which was found with a severed sheep's head at the farm 10 days before the bombing.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

ITV CHANNELS GET 58·8pc OF VIEWERS

By Our TV and Radio Correspondent

The two BBC television channels marginally increased their share of total viewing for the week ending Jan. 20 to 41·2 per cent. compared with the previous week's record low figure of 39·5 per cent.

Channel 4 gained an 8·3 per cent. share against BBC-2's 7·9 per cent. to help give the two ITV channels 58·8 per cent. The biggest audience of the week was 20,200,000, for the Monday episode of Granada's "Coronation Street".

Top 10: 1, "Coronation Street" Mon (Gran); 2, "Coronation Street" Wed; 3, "Game for a Laugh" (LWT); 4, "That's Life" (BBC-1); 5, "Wish You Were Here" (Thames); 6, "Crossroads" Wed (Central) and "Bullseye" (Central); 8, "Last of the Summer Wine" (BBC-1); 9, "Crossroads" Tues. and "Crossroads" Thurs.

Research by Audits of Great Britain for Broadcasters Audience Research Board.

RIDLEY ORDERS GLC TO DELAY LORRY BAN

By Our Political Staff

Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, yesterday issued a direction to the Labour-controlled Greater London Council to seek his consent before banning heavy lorry traffic in the capital at nights and weekends.

He said the GLC could not go ahead without his agreement, and he would not decide until after a public inquiry. The GLC has been eager to act without an inquiry. The issue could be decided in the courts.

Mr David Wetzel, chairman of the GLC Transport Committee, said he would take legal advice on Mr Ridley's action, which in his view was outside the Transport Secretary's authority.

N. SEA RATE OF DISCOVERY 'WORLD'S BEST'

By Our Business Correspondent

The rate of North Sea oil and gas discoveries is the best in the world, Mr Buchanan-Smith, Energy Minister, claimed yesterday.

He said discoveries last year were made at one every 4·6 wells drilled, the best performance on record, and well above the world average of one in 20.

Mr Buchanan-Smith, speaking in Aberdeen, said that the fact that the discovery rate had been maintained at a high level for 20 years was unprecedented. It confirmed that the more mature areas of the North Sea, where much of the drilling had taken place, continued to be rewarding.

BAIL FOR WIFE OF TERRORIST

By A Dublin Correspondent

Mary McGlinchey, wife of the convicted Irish terrorist, Dominic McGlinchey, was remanded on £11,000 bail until Feb. 22 at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday.

Mrs McGlinchey, 27, is accused of falsely imprisoning Mr Richard Hill, 57, stepfather of the Irish National Liberation Army "supergrass" Harry Kirkpatrick.

GARDEN CALENDAR — FRED WHITSEY

Geraniums from seed

New geranium to raise from seed sown now: Speckles.

ANXIETIES about the winter welfare of geraniums may have been removed for those who have eschewed the old method of reproducing them from cuttings and have instead taken up growing the plants from seed, but to get the best from the seedlings you have to look slippy about sowing.

They take so long to mature that you have to sow here and now. At least the seeds are quick to germinate. Fortunately, too, the germination rate is high, for they remain expensive: most geranium seeds cost about 15p each. But when do you ever see a grown plant now for less than a pound? Usually they are around £1·50 a time.

Most geraniums raised from seed are F1 hybrids, which means that the breeding has all been done by hand under very closely controlled conditions. Hence the high price. It also means that the resulting plants are uniform in size and colouring. One of the year's most appealing newcomers, however, is a hybrid called Speckles (Thompson and Morgan of Ipswich) whose flowers are mottled and flaked like those of a fancier's carnation.

Most seed firms this season are offering the Diamond series, either through their mail order catalogues or their garden centre retail outlets. Winners of medals in the Fleuroselect European seed contests, these strains mark an important development in that, while being more compact growers than others, they develop more quickly from sowing, the advance being two to three weeks. Even earlier to flower is the Lucky Break strain which Thompson and Morgan are offering this year but so far only in mixed lots. The seed is only a third of the price of others. Suttons of Torquay have a mixture called Torbay Delight which they say is offered "at considerably less than the price of an F1 hybrid."

A single seed of a geranium is large enough to take hold of in finger and thumb. This makes it possible to sow each one in its own small container, a most significant factor in getting any seedlings to perform in minimum time, since they suffer no check to growth through being pricked out from the seed pans or boxes. On the market these days are many systems that help provide these benefits without having a lot of little pots around on the greenhouse bench.

Though many growers still swear by the old John Innes composts, which are of course based on sterilised soil, most home gardeners find that their plants develop quickest in the soil-less composts whose main ingredient is peat, which as everyone knows is unrivalled for promoting a quickly ramifying system of roots.

To get geranium seeds to germinate at the rate of which they are capable you need to give them considerable warmth. Failing an electric propagater, a few days in a domestic airing cupboard where they will be held at a temperature of around 65 degrees F, even more, will see them through in about a week. From this moment they must have full light and still only a little less warmth. It is continuing comfort that will keep them moving. A check to growth can set them back from their target of starting to flower half way through June. This does mean that you need a greenhouse, though some green-fingered growers improvise brilliantly working only with a combination of windowsill and frame.

All this time, of course, we should have been calling these plants pelargoniums, not geraniums, a term which should correctly be reserved for those hardy species which we grow in summer borders. But the seed firms all prefer the vernacular to botanical exactitude. The two brethren, geranium and pelargonium, were separated as long ago as 1732 by a botanist who had noticed that the South African species (our greenhouse geraniums) differed from those of the temperate world in having a nectar tube fused to the stalk.

The point, and many others of far greater moment, is discussed in a new monograph, "The Pelargonium Family," by William J. Webb (Croom Helm £19·95). This study deals exclusively with the species as they grow wild in various parts of South Africa, where according to the terrain they emerge in many different forms, some even resembling cacti. On the principle that the more deeply plant specialists explore a subject the closer becomes their preoccupation with natural forms, this is a book for the advanced pelargonium grower.

Protecting pots

HOW severe was the frosty spell is shown by the damage done to some terracotta pots, calling for remedial treatment before they are subjected to further harshness that could ruin them.

To set the surface that has become flaky the best method seems to be to put a slight glaze on it by painting with a paste made from mixing Unibond adhesive with a little water, after first brushing off the loose material. Where pots have already come apart these can be repaired with the special grade of Bostick sold for exterior use.

However, I have found that treating terracotta pots and ornaments with the silicone water repellent obtainable at hardware shops for use on walls prevents them coming to harm in really cold spells, but of course the objects must be dried off first indoors. This puts no glaze on them, nor does it alter the colour. They look the same when they have been coated with it as they did before.

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Eight years for robber shot in police ambush

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

RELATIVES of a robber shot by detectives in an ambush during a post office raid shouted abuse at police yesterday as the man was jailed for eight years.

ALFRED FICKEN, 43, almost died after being shot in the stomach as he carried out the robbery with another man.

His accomplice DANNY CAREY, 25, was shot in the spine and is paralysed. No proceedings are being taken against him.

Both men, who were unarmed at the time, are said to be taking proceedings against the police for injuries they suffered.

Ficken of Murray Square, Canning Town admitted conspiracy to rob the sub Post Office at Seven Sisters Road, Tottenham last June.

When sentence was passed one of his relatives in the public gallery shouted: "You bastards you can still walk."

One woman screamed: "Let me get my hands on you," and another man shouted: "It's all a set up. That sentence is diabolical."

Terrifying consequences

Judge JOHN OWEN, Q C, told Ficken it had been a professional crime and although not armed they had masks which were to be used.

Ficken and Carey were "equally to blame" but the judge accepted they had "intended no harm" to women victims.

He said: "Had you not been intercepted there would have been no physical harm but what emotional harm may have been caused no one can say. It would have been a terrifying experience."

The judge said the result of the raid for Carey had been "disastrous."

He told Ficken: "The fact that you were both shot makes it clear the danger of the trade you chose to follow. You have had this terrible experience even if you did run the risk of it happening to you."

HEROIC Pcs PRAISED BY JUDGES

TWO "very brave policemen were praised by Old Bailey judges yesterday for tackling armed bandits.

In separate cases, Judge JOHN OWEN, Q C, and Judge ROBERT LYMBERY, Q C, described the "outstanding courage" of Pcs PETER BREAKWELL, 26, from Southwark, and SIMON LANE, 25, of Dorking.

JIMMY PAUL, 21, unemployed, of Felmouth Road, Southwark, was jailed for 10 years when he admitted robbing a security guard of £60 cash and £20,000 worth of cheques at the Elephant and Castle and wounding P c Breakwell.

Mr CHARLES TILLING, prosecuting, said Paul was chased and cornered in an alley by P c Breakwell. A replica revolver was pointed at the officer—who did not know it was not real—and he was threatened.

In the second case, RONALD GOOK, 27, of Abbey Street, Southwark, was jailed for 10 years after pleading guilty to three armed robberies.

Mr MICHAEL SAYERS, prosecuting, said Gook, armed with a loaded revolver, went on a crime spree which netted him more than £25,000.

The "reign of terror" came to an end at a jeweller's shop in Dorking where he attacked the owner, Mr Terence Collins, and sprayed him in the eyes with tear gas.

Mr Collins bravely grappled with him and was joined by off-duty Pc Lane and Mr Chris Whiffen, 35, a traffic warden. They tackled Gook and disarmed him.

LIFE TERM FOR PLAYING FIELD RAPIST

Stephen Graham, 30, an unemployed sheet metal worker, was jailed for life yesterday by Mr Justice Boreham at Winchester Crown Court after admitting rape, indecent assault, burglary and 29 cases of indecent assault.

Graham, of Bramley Crescent, Sholing, Southampton, admitted raping a 22-year-old nurse in a playing field at Winchester in August last year, indecently assaulting a woman by Eastleigh golf course, falsely imprisoning another 22-year-old woman at Locks Heath, near Southampton, aggravated burglary, burglary, and driving while uninsured. He asked for 52 other offences to be taken into consideration.

Mr Stephen Parish, prosecuting, said all the offences happened between the end of April and August last year, shortly after Graham had been released from prison for attacking a police officer in London. He had earlier served five years for attacking a 21-year-old woman in York.

SIX MONTHS FOR STEALING PAPERS

A news vendor was jailed for six months by Clerkenwell magistrates yesterday after he admitted stealing £700 worth of daily papers from shop doorways and selling them at Underground stations.

Dennis Moorhouse, 55, of no settled address, had 14 previous convictions for stealing newspapers.

DEAD YOUTH NAMED

A youth who died after being hit by a train at Hatfield, Herts, was identified yesterday as Wayne Mitchell, 17, of Bowes Road, New Southgate.

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Yesterday in Parliament

POWELL POSES DILEMMA WITH EMBRYO BILL

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

MR ENOCH POWELL caught the Government by surprise yesterday when he published the text of a Private Member's Bill which Ministers had expected simply to outlaw scientific experiments on fertilised embryos.

The measure in definitive forms goes beyond the highly controversial proposal to tackle the entire issue of test-tube pregnancies, excluding surrogate motherhood.

The formula Mr Powell, a former Health Minister has devised, is that fertilisation of an embryo outside the womb may only take place with the authority of the Minister.

Such authority would only be given for the purpose of "enabling a named woman to bear a child by means of *in vitro* insertion, and not for any other purpose."

The application to the Minister, which would have to be signed by two doctors, would have to say who would carry out the procedure, where it would take place, and who would have "control of the embryos produced."

Strong support

Mr Powell's Unborn Children (Protection) Bill, due for a second reading debate in the Commons on Monday week, has a strong head of steam behind it from "pro-life" campaigners.

However, its presence on the Commons order paper, and the likelihood that it will get a second reading, poses a dilemma for Ministers who are considering how best to legislate on the issue.

Mr Powell has simplified their task in one way, by ruling out the issue of surrogacy, so no one can try to expand the Bill in committee to deal with it.

Originally he had offered the Government the chance to deal with the situation arising from the "Baby Cotton" case in such a way, but Ministers were loath to agree.

The choice now facing the Government is to bring forward an early Bill on the narrow issue of surrogacy, or tackle it next session in a comprehensive measure covering the Warnock Report's recommendations on human fertilisation and embryology.

Search for cures

The Cabinet has twice failed to reach a decision on the point, and Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, has been told to produce a draft Bill before the issue is settled.

Ministers are privately unhappy about the original intention of Mr Powell's Bill, to ban experiments on embryos of up to 14 days.

They see the proposal, highly attractive to many M Ps, as preventing scientists from conducting tests which could find cures for spina bifida and Down's Syndrome, and develop a safer contraceptive pill.

As Mr Powell has cast the Bill, the specific ban on such experiments is replaced by outlawing fertilisation or possession of an embryo by anyone not aiming to bring about the birth of a child with Ministerial approval. Offenders could face up to two years' imprisonment.

Department of Health officials will now study the wording of the measure carefully to see what else would be rendered unlawful, other than the experiments which were Mr Powell's central target.

Wintertons face whips over Commons absence

By OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

MR AND MRS WINTERTON, the Conservative husband and wife M Ps who chose to continue a visit to South Africa rather than return for Thursday night's Commons vote on a Labour censure motion, are facing harsh words from Government whips.

Mr NICHOLAS WINTERTON, who represents Macclesfield, and his wife Ann, who sits for Congleton, were instructed to return as soon as Labour tabled its motion condemning the Government's "gross mismanagement" of the economy.

But they took no notice, to the fury of other M Ps, including some Ministers, who cut short or cancelled trips abroad in order to back Mrs Thatcher in the division lobbies.

The whips expect any rebuke they administer to the Wintertons to be of little effect, because Mr Winterton, despite his position on the Right of the party and largely in tune with Mrs Thatcher, is almost impervious to party discipline.

He has voted against the Government on more issues in this Parliament than even the wettest Tory backbencher, and has also made it clear to the powers that be that if he considers a recess too short, he will stay away until he has completed his own holiday.

CENSURE MOTION

Defeat for Labour

A Labour motion criticising the Government's handling of the economy was defeated by 395 votes to 222, a Government majority of 173, on Thursday night, as reported in later editions of THE DAILY TELEGRAPH yesterday.

At the end of a debate on a Labour motion censuring the Government's handling of the economy, a Conservative amendment was carried by 392 to 221, a Government majority of 171.

The amendment congratulated the Government in its firm action in maintaining sound financial conditions and on its medium-term strategy, leading to the "lowest level of inflation since the 1960s, nearly four years of sustained economic growth, record output, sound exports, record investment and record living standards."

Editorial Comment—P16

Town hall secrecy Bill wins Second Reading

By OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

A CONSERVATIVE backbencher's Bill to reduce secrecy over local government was broadly welcomed by the Government and given an unopposed Second Reading in the Commons yesterday.

Examples given in the debate of instances when the public had been excluded from council committee meetings included councillors' deliberations on the colour of roses for a memorial garden and the use of dyed maggots by anglers.

The Local Government (Access to Information) Bill will open council sub-committee meetings to the public and give the right to view council minutes, reports, and other relevant documents.

It is being promoted by Mr ROBIN SQUIRE (C., Hornchurch).

Another Bill before the Commons yesterday which would have granted similar rights at meetings of water authorities failed to get its Second Reading.

Mr IAN GOW, Environment Minister, opposed the measure and was still speaking when the debate had automatically to be adjourned after a brief debate.

This Bill, sponsored by Mr GERALD BERMINGHAM (Lab St Helens S), now goes to the back of the queue of private Members' Bills.

Mr Squire complained that in many local authorities important decisions, large and small, were being unnecessarily taken in private.

The Bill would increase accountability of councillors by giving the public a closer insight into their decisions.

Mr ALLAN ROBERTS (Lab. Bootle) said the "web of corruption" surrounding the Poulson affair would not have been possible had the Bill been law.

And Mr CHARLES IRVING (C. Cheltenham) said there was no excuse in a modern western democracy for persisting with a cloak of secrecy around so much which should not be secret.

But Mr NICHOLAS FAIRBAIRN (C. Perth and Kinross) said that the Bill was a "package of horrors" that would lead to still more secrecy and administrative chaos.

Mr Waldegrave, Environment Under-Secretary, welcomed the Bill but emphasised that some aspects, including the clause on access to documents, would need to be examined in committee.

The Minister said the reality of the Bill would rely heavily on the capacity and skill of local newspapers to make it work.

The House rose at 2.59 p.m.

£5m FREE LOAN TO GRENADA

By Our Political Staff

Mr Raison, Overseas Development Minister, yesterday announced a £5 million interest-free loan to the newly-elected Government in Grenada for capital projects in such fields as the banana industry, forestry, water supply and roads.

Britain has already made grants and loans totalling £1,750,000 to Grenada since the American invasion in 1983.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legal nicety

SIR — In the recent discussions and proposals on the legalisation—and taxation—of prostitution, one important point of law has been overlooked. If prostitution is to be taxed, the Government and indeed all taxpayers will be living on immoral earnings, which is a punishable offence.

No doubt our legislators will get over this hurdle and H.M. Inspectors of Taxes can look forward to some entertaining reading when the April returns come in.

S. JOHN PESKETT
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Cannon fodder

SIR — Why is it necessary, apparently, for clay pigeon shooting clubs to require planning permission if it is intended to shoot more than 28 days in the year and yet farmers can, and do, use bird scaring cannon morning, noon and night for as many weeks in the year as they wish. It appears no one has the ability or power to prevent this noise pollution.

Is it not time that the same amount of discussion was given to this subject as has been to straw and stubble burning?

DORIS M. HOWE
Kineton, Warwicks.

Recommended list

SIR—If the Secretary of State, Mr Norman Fowler, was to make his limited prescription list a *recommended* list, he would regain the enthusiastic support of the majority of the medical profession, and a patient's occasional need for a medicine not on the list would be *retained*.

A limited list by Parliamentary regulation would be as uncivilised and as unnecessary as the use of the cane in schools.

Dr. M. G. F. CROWE,
Cossington, Leics.

THE TRUE NATURE OF EXAMS

SIR—I am loth to provide comfort to the political Right, but the letter of Mr Fred Jarvis of the National Union of Teachers on school standards (Jan. 28) requires a direct response.

Mr Jarvis bases his case for proof of rising standards on examination statistics from 1964-1965 to 1982-1983 and, specifically, cites the period 1968-1969 as a time when school leavers obtained significantly more graded examination passes.

There are a number of points which ought to be made about this. In the early 1970s, the school-leaving age was raised from 15 to 16. As a result, many more pupils, in some cases much against their will, sat examinations in the extra year they had at school. Some of these pupils took the "O" level examinations, but most took the CSE examination.

The CSE examination was introduced in the mid-1960s and was increasingly taken by pupils of lower-ability.

While Grade 1 at CSE level was equated with an "O" level pass grade and, in certain circumstances could be regarded as higher than that, it was generally recognised at the time that Grade 4 at CSE was a kind of average national grade.

Many teachers would regard this level as being very low. Indeed, a Grade 5 CSE is regarded as hardly worth the paper it is written on.

Of course, if new examinations are introduced and pupils stay at school longer, more people will pass them. In addition, in some schools, double entries are made in which students take both CSE and "O" level papers in the same subject, as a safety measure. Many pupils, for different reasons, including that of poor employment prospects, are now staying an extra year at school in the sixth form and are taking CSE, "O" level and other examinations in their sixth secondary school year.

The nature of examinations has also changed. In some cases, they are undoubtedly easier. The increased use of multiple-choice questions gives a candidate a one-in-four chance of obtaining the correct answer, whether he or she knows it or not. In any case, the very presence of the answer on the sheet can usefully jog the memory.

I hope Mr Jarvis can take this into consideration. The teacher's lot is not an easy one and has become increasingly difficult with the effects of a decline in respect for teachers, of disruption and indiscipline, of the increase in drug-taking and of the all-pervasive nature of pop culture.

However, their cause is not helped by exercises in self-delusion. The claim of Mr Jarvis that educational standards have risen smacks of a self-defensive gesture. The facts require a closer examination. I do not know to whom Mr Jarvis is telling his story.

DEREK WHEATLEY
Brighton, Sussex.

Tax on water

SIR—Just now I returned, blowlamp in hand, from thawing out my private water supply here, to read Mr H. M. Glass's letter (Jan. 25) on the taxation of water supply.

Since the introduction of Strathclyde Region, Scotland's G.L.C, we have been paying for water, sewerage and other services which we, in fact, provide ourselves. There is a wagon which pumps out septic tanks, but its hose is too short to reach ours. A dustcart is supposed to come once a week, but often doesn't. Yet the rates are enormous.

When will Mrs Thatcher turn her attention to reform of Scottish local government?

GEORGE SASSOON,
Lochbuie, Isle of Mull.

Music in pubs

SIR—The problem with music in pubs lies in the hands of the landlord. If he is a manager, employed by the brewery, he has to do as he is instructed, but a tenant landlord is his own boss.

As a tenant I was frequently asked to install a juke-box. I would explain politely that mine was a talking pub and if they wanted music they would have to go where there was music. It is as simple as that. There's nothing worse than having to bawl at your customers and for them to bawl at you all the time.

E. J. BOOTHER
Rushwick, Worcs.

In a word . . .

SIR — I notice that teachers, among others, are advancing the use of "thank you" and "may be" into single words. Is this "alright"?

(Mrs) S. M. SANDERSON
Buckingham.

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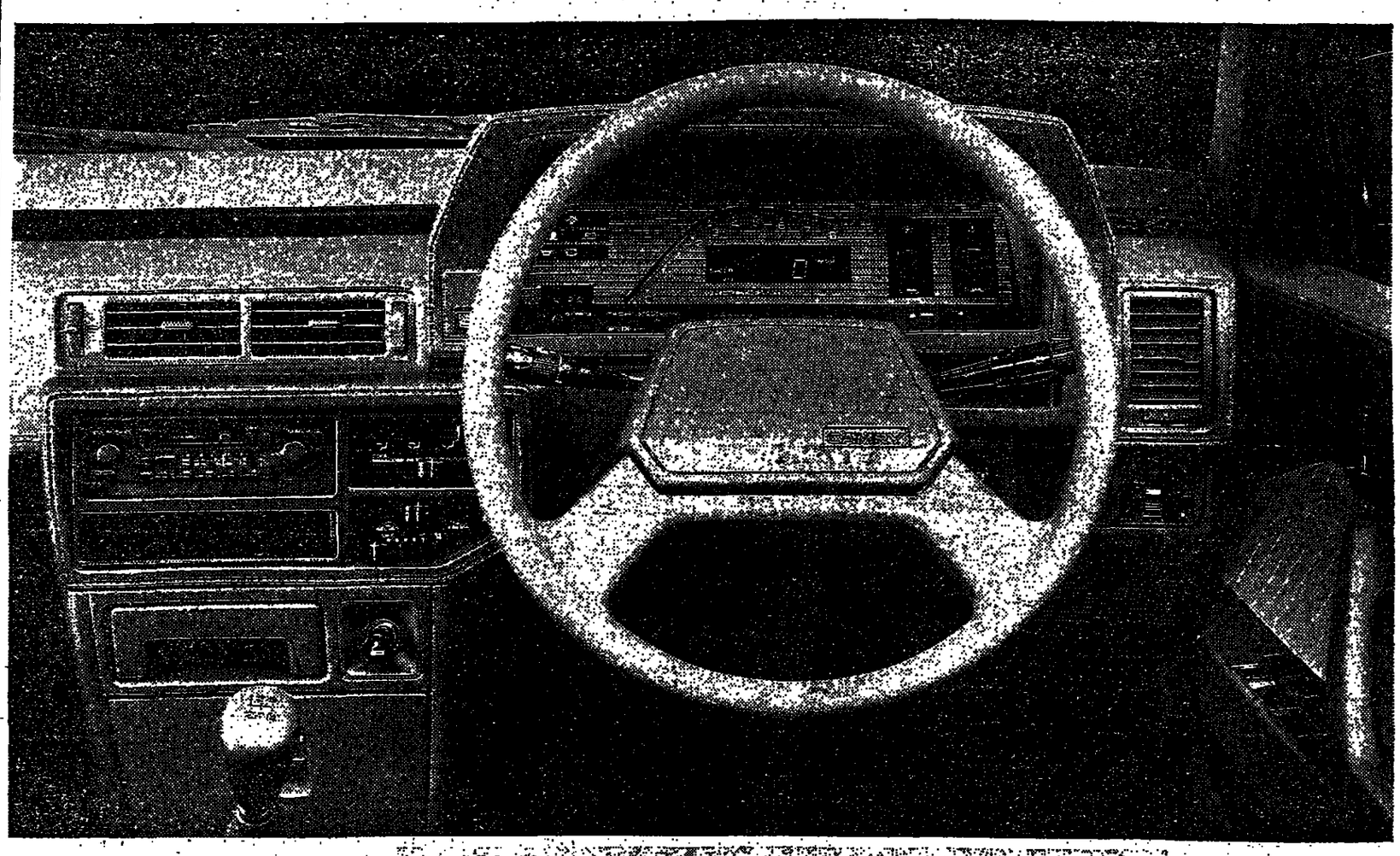

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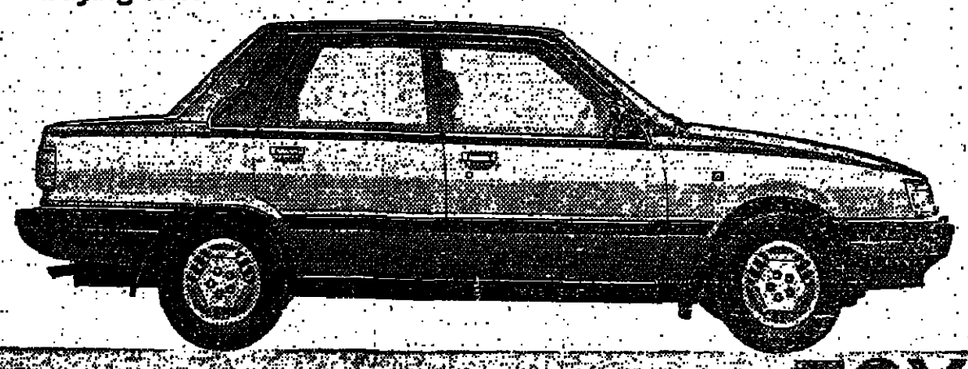

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Feb. 1.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received Mr Nicholas Hilien on his appointment as Director-General of the Fund.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, was present this evening at a Court Ladies Dinner at the Innholder's Hall, London, E.C.4.

The Hon. Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE, Feb. 1.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, visited farms in the Eastern District today.

Mr John Higgs was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Broadwater Farm Youth Association, Willan Road, Tottenham, London N17.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE. Feb. 1.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, attended by Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit St Moritz, Switzerland, for the celebrations to mark the Centenary of the Cresta Run.

The Princess of Wales has accepted Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Colonel, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), will attend a briefing for Territorial Army Honorary Colonels at Chatham, Kent, on Friday.

Prince Michael of Kent will visit H.M. Ships off Portland on Feb. 15.

Princess Michael of Kent will present the British Forces Broadcasting Services Sports Personality of the Year Award at the National Army Museum on Feb. 11.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY AND TOMORROW

Sir Evan Jenkins is 89 today; Mr Jascha Heifetz is 84; Dame Alix Meynell 82; Lord Reigate 80; the Rt Rev. J. H. L. Phillips 75; the Rt Rev. Lord Blanch 67; Mr Geoffrey Kent 65; M. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing 59; the Earl of Clarendon 52; and Mr Norman Fowler, M.P. 47.

Sir Hugh Linstead will be 84 tomorrow; Lord Sherfield will be 81; the Marquess of Huntly 77; Lord Fraser of Tullybelton 74; Mr D. W. Livingstone 59; and Viscount Dunluce 50.

Today is the anniversary of the German surrender at Stalingrad in 1943.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr R. J. C. Eaton and Miss C. H. Davies

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs J. T. Eaton, of Ballyowen House, Waterside, Londonderry, and Cecily, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs P. R. Davies, of Coombe House, Ansty, Wiltshire.

Mr P. S. Wylie and Miss J. F. Kelly

The engagement is announced between Robert Sterling Wylie, of Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A., and Jane Frances Kelly, of Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

Mr S. J. M. Roberts and Miss J. S. Keeling

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Alan Roberts, of Whitmore, Staffordshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sam Keeling, of Woore, Cheshire.

DINNER

Farriers' Company

Princess Anne, Master, presided at a court ladies' dinner of the Farriers' Company held last night at Innholders' Hall, supported by the Upper Warden, Mr A. B. Wilson, the Middle Warden, Mr M. J. Mates, M.P., and the Renter Warden, Mr A. G. W. Scott. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr J. Alsford, to which Mr Christopher Collins replied. The toast to the Company and its Master was proposed by Major Malcolm Wallace, R.H.A. and the Master responded. Others present were:

Viscount Leverhulme, Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company, the Hon. Mrs Heber-Percy and Miss R. M. K. Hoey, Headmistress, St Martin-in-the-Fields High School.

WEDDINGS

Mr S. M. Copeman and Miss C. E. Faller

The marriage took place yesterday in London of Mr Stephen Copeman, younger son of the late Vice-Adml Sir Nicholas Copeman and of Lady Copeman, and Miss Clare Faller, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Benson Faller.

Mr C. Mallett and Miss C. Murty

The marriage took place on Jan. 7 in Sydney between Mr Christopher Mallet and Miss Christine Murty.

SERVICE DINNERS

H A C Mess Club

The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, and the Sheriffs were guests at the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club dinner held last night at Armoury House. Capt. D. Hodgson, President of the Club, was in the chair and other speakers were Col C. B. Powell-Smith, the Lord Mayor, Major S. C. Holmes and Lt-Gen. Sir John Richards.

R A F Staff College, Bracknell

The Commandant, Air Vice-Marshal G. A. White, and Mrs White were present at a ladies guest night held at the R A F Staff College, Bracknell, last evening to bid farewell to departing officers. Group Captain J. A. Scambler, Group Captain P. C. Norriss and Wing Commander K. J. Dearman were guests. Wing Commander M. A. E. Seller presided. The Deputy Commandant, Air Commodore J. Hardstaff, and Mrs Hardstaff were also present.

London Joint Area Organisation

Officers, serving and retired, of the London Joint Area Organisation and its predecessor, the South East Area Organisation, held their 14th reunion dinner in the Officers' Mess, R A F West Drayton, last night. The Officer Commanding, Squadron Leader R. A. Ellingworth, presided and seven of the unit's previous officers commanding were present.

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

SEPTUAGESIMA

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Mattins, Bishop of Guildford, Rt Rev. Michael Adie. 11.30 HC; Communion (Stanford in C); 3.15 Evensong, Ven. F. W. Harvey, Archdeacon (Rubbra in A flat).
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 Mattins, Canon Trevor Beeson; 11.40 HC; 3 Evensong, Rev. Michael Thompson, Chaplain (Wise in F); 5.45 Organ, Harry Bicket; 6.30 Evening Service, Sister Rose O H P, Pastoral Assistant.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 The Provost (Mozart); 3 The Provost (Howells in G).
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Rev. Michael Beech.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: 8 & 5.15 HC, 10.20 Said Mattins; 11 The Vicar; 6 Rev. J. S. W. Young.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev. Richard Bewes; 6.30 Rev. Andrew Cornes (Family Communion).
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: 8 HC; 9 Sung HC; 11 Rev. J. D. Irvine; 6.30 Rev. John Collins.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet St: 8.30 HC; 11 Canon John Oates; 6.30 Haydn's "Creation" (Parts 1 & 2).
ST CLEMENT DANES, Strand: 11 Rev. A. A. B. Jones, R A F Uxbridge (A T C Thanksgiving and Dedication); 8.30 & 12.15 HC.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: 11 Rev. Alan Luff.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30 The Vicar; 11.15 & 6.30 Rev. P. M. Arnold.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: 8 HC (1662 Prayer Book); 9.45 Rev. Charles Hedley; 11.30 Rev. Fred Stevens; 12.30 HC; 4.15 Choral Evensong; 6.30 Mr Norman Ingram-Smith, 7.30 HC.
ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam St: 11 Canon Keith de Berry (HC); 6.30 Rev. David Harris.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet St: 8.30 HC; 11.15 The Master.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL, Savoy Hill: 11.15 Rev. Gordon Watkins, Vicar of St Martin-within-Ludgate.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Canon J. D. Threadgold.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Tower of London: 11 The Chaplain; 9.15 HC.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 Rev. Richard Wells; 3.30 Evensong.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: 11 The Chaplain (Sung Eucharist).
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 Rev. Felix Boyse.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Canon Eric James.
CROWN COURT (Ch.-of-S.), Covent Garden: 11.15 Rev. John Miller Scott; 12.20 HC; 6.30 Rev. Malcolm Duff.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (Sung), 12, 5.30, 7.
FARM STREET: Masses 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin), 12.15, 4.15, 6.15.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Rd: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7.
BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST: 11 & 6.30 Dr Howard Williams.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 Rev. Roy Dorey; 6.30 Mr Phil Hebrinch.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL: 11 & 6.30 Rev. Dr R. John Tudor.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11 Rev. Steve Cartwright.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 & 6.30 Rev. Dr R. T. Kendall.

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ROSE, H. R., Limpsfield, Surrey	255,125

Car firms 'thwarting' cheaper deals abroad

By JOHN LANGLEY Motoring Correspondent

DISCOUNTS available to fleet operators and some private motorists are distorting the new car market in Britain and should be scrapped in favour of lower list prices, the Consumers' Association said yesterday.

The association, which helps motorists to import right-hand drive cars from Europe at cheaper prices said: "If you can get a good deal in terms of discounts here it may not be worth going abroad. But if you want a popular or newly-introduced model that isn't selling at much, if any, discount in the U K, book your ferry tickets."

Despite new E E C regulations intended to make it easier for motorists to buy their cars at lower prices in Europe, British car buyers are still quite often being thwarted by the manufacturers, said Miss Sue Leggate, special projects editor for the Association's magazine WHICH?

She urged motorists to complain to the E E C if they were having difficulties in buying abroad.

The association is preparing lists of Continental dealers prepared to sell right-hand drive cars to British customers, and will provide the lists to members of the public who apply for its £3 "action kit" giving instructions on the procedure for buying a car in Europe and importing it privately.

The association's inquiries in Belgium, one of the cheapest E E C markets because new car prices are subject to Government controls, showed that some manufacturers were still instructing their dealers not to make right-hand cars freely available.

At the same time, discounts in Britain were giving a very distorted picture of the market.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said last night that the price differential beween British and Continental prices had now halved compared with two years ago. Comparison with Belgian prices was "irrelevant" because of the price controls there.

A current comparison of 28 models from Austin-Rover, Ford and Vauxhall showed that Belgian prices were 14 per cent. cheaper, French prices were 12 per cent. cheaper, German prices eight per cent. cheaper and Italian prices about the same. The comparison did not take into account discounts often available in Britain.

SATURDAY COLUMN

A bitter pill made so easy to swallow

When devils will their blackest sins put on
They do suggest at first with heavenly shows.
Othello II,3.

CHRISTOPHER BOOKER on the menacing force that runs through the film 'Amadeus'

MANY years ago William Rushton produced a strip cartoon for PRIVATE EYE which showed the elaborate preparations being made for shooting a scene in some Hollywood spectacular about the battle of Waterloo.

Most of the frames showed a military historian being taken round the hundreds of actors who were to play the soldiers in the battle, checking their uniforms to ensure that they were of exact historical accuracy.

As he inspected the ranks of armed men, he gave off a stream of learned comments—"the 17th/18th Dragoons would not have worn piping on the left breast of the jacket after 1813" and so forth.

Finally every detail had been checked. The director called out "Shoot," and the cartoon moved to its last frame.

This showed the Duke of Wellington, played by a black actor, yelling to his men something like "O K boys, de Dook says 'let's go'."

I was reminded of Rushton's cartoon this week when I went to one of the most extraordinary and bizarre films I have ever seen—the much-talked about production of Peter Shaffer's play about Mozart, "Amadeus."

The chief reason why I wanted to see the film was that it had been largely shot amid the beautiful, unspoilt baroque streets and palaces of Prague, doubling as Mozart's Vienna. The sets, I had been told, were stunning, the music ravishing—and so they proved to be.

This must be one of the most sumptuously produced and visually beautiful films ever made. Not only is the continual stream of Mozart's music superbly played by Neville Marriner and a huge list of musicians and singers. It gives rise to a succession of breathtaking set-pieces of stage production, shot in Prague's little 18th-century Tyl Theatre—such as the climax of "Don Giovanni," where the Commendatore's statue hauls the hero off to hellfire.

There are many other unforgettable scenes — court receptions, a coach carrying Mozart's wife back to Vienna at nightfall while the Requiem thunders over the sound-track — all presented with extraordinary attention to detail. And much of the acting, particularly the part of Salieri, the composer who plays the leading role in the story alongside Mozart himself, as his jealous and deadly rival, is superb.

But then one comes to the two characters at the heart of all this sumptuous packaging—Mozart and his wife Constanze—and the contrast is so shocking that one can scarcely believe one's eyes.

Shaffer's Mozart, as must be generally familiar, is presented as an uncouth, boorish, lecherous buffoon, given to inane brays of laughter — as great a contrast to the sublimity of his music as could be imagined.

He is, in short, portrayed as completely infantile. And in the film this is made even worse by the fact that he and his wife are almost aggressively played as Americans. By this I do not mean just that they speak with American accents, which of course can be answered by the riposte that they spoke German anyway, but by the much more disconcerting fact that they have also been turned into a pair of totally sentimental, immature, two-dimensional escapees from some tenth-rate American television serial.

Now the overwhelming question posed by this work is—why have they done this? Why did Shaffer wish to turn Mozart into this extraordinary little grotesque?

To anyone reasonably familiar with Mozart's letters and the main biographies, it is obvious that what Shaffer has done is to take one strand from a rather complex, unresolved and admittedly shadowy historical personality, and to blow it up, absurdly caricatured, to represent the whole Mozart.

It is of course true that, as we can particularly see from the series of letters to his cousin, Maria Anna Thekla, Mozart had an obscene and scatological streak. He *was* sometimes socially awkward and contemptuous of lesser talents.

But there was also a great deal else to his character, to make him a much more rounded and sympathetic, if at times rather lost human being. And again and again through the incidents of the film one can see that what Shaffer has actually done is to comb the available evidence for anything which could conceivably support his extremely partial, disparaging view of Mozart's personality, and then exaggerate it to the exclusion of all else.

Which brings us to the whole point of the work, the story itself.

The story of "Amadeus," as must by now be pretty familiar, is of course seen through the eyes of his jealous rival Salieri, who is so enraged by the fact that God should have chosen this pitiful, unworthy vessel of Mozart to fill with the most divine music ever written that he resolves to kill him.

The framework of the tale is provided by the deranged, aged Salieri, reminiscing in a lunatic asylum at the end of his life as to how he first conceived his deadly jealousy, and then how, by various intrigues and subterfuges, he harried Mozart to his eventual death.

Even if we forget the ludicrous historical inaccuracies involved in cobbling this implausible tale together, it does produce a story of intense power — but it is a wholly dark power.

What Salieri is trying to do is to kill the vessel of God, even God himself (to rub this in, at the moment when he decides on this dark course he tears a crucifix with the figure of Christ off the wall and hurls it into the flames of the fire).

In fact in the history of storytelling there are few stories where we are led to identify with quite such a cosmically dark, perverse theme. The most immediate parallel which came to my mind was "Moby Dick," one of the blackest stories ever written, in which the mad Captain Ahab sets out to kill the great mysterious White Whale, which draws him on from the distant deeps as a *numinous symbol of totality* and one-ness with creation.

When Melville had completed "Moby Dick," he was dimly aware that he had done something evil. He wrote to his friend Hawthorne to the effect that "I feel that I have done a very wicked thing, but I am not quite sure why."

"Amadeus" is also a wicked story. And the fact that, in this film, it has been so sumptuously and temptingly packaged, with the rich overlay of wonderful music and the illusion of historical accuracy, only makes it more so.

It is like a magnificent sweet which, beneath layers of sugar and chocolate, conceals a cyanide pill. And it says a good deal about the self-awareness of our culture that it should have been so widely welcomed, and so frivolously discussed as being anything other than what it really is.

—Frink and her work—

"I AM a working artist and I live in Dorset," said sculptress Elisabeth Frink (above) when she explained why she had to turn down the chance of being the first woman President of the Royal Academy.

Her huge male figures have made her an international success and on the eve of a major exhibition in London PEARSON PHILLIPS talked to her about her life and work. News of her latest project appears in tomorrow's TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

Princess Anne has been stopped for speeding. Damages were paid when Prince Andrew sprayed photographers with paint. But the Queen has no passport, pays no taxes and cannot give evidence in court.

Are any other real differences bestowed by being a member of the Royal Family, or do the normal laws of the land apply? FENTON BRESLER presents a fascinating examination of the legal position.

Tom Stoppard, renowned for his verbal pyrotechnics with the English language, spent his first nine years in Czechoslovakia, Singapore and India. "I am a bounced Czech," he explains as Man of the Week.

Samantha Eggar talks about her return to the English stage: Anita Roddick explains why Life on Sunday is anything but restful; and all the regular features appear in the TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

STAMP TO MARK HALLEY'S COMET

A provisional list of special stamps for next year, including a February issue on astronomy to coincide with the appearance of Halley's Comet, was announced by the Post Office yesterday.

Other subjects include the Queen's 60th birthday, industry, conservation, mediaeval life, sport, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference, the R A F and Christmas.

2pc GRANTS RISE HITS THE ARTS

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

ARTS companies face the prospects of reduced seasons and in some cases closure following the Arts Council's 1985/96 grant allocations, representing an average increase of 2 per cent., announced yesterday.

The National Theatre, which has already issued dire warnings, said last night: "There will have to be a radical change in the way we operate."

The N T will receive a rise of under two per cent. on its present £6,576,000 allocation for its three-theatre South Bank complex.

Total allocations to the four national companies, the Royal Opera House, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the English National Opera and the National Theatre, will be £29,564,700. Of the four the E N O probably faces the gravest difficulties.

Individual grants were not disclosed yesterday, but they will be detailed in letters being sent to the Arts Council's clients.

The average rise to meet inflation will be only about 2 per cent., and some will not receive any increases.

Rees-Mogg dismay

Sir William Rees-Mogg, council chairman, is writing to the Earl of Gowrie, Arts Minister, expressing dismay about the serious effects on arts activities resulting from the Government's grant of £105 million for the financial year 1985-86.

Mr Luke Rittner, Secretary General, said: "We are faced with a major dilemma and horrendous financial problems."

The allocations include a "standstill" figure of £4,404,000 for the Arts Council's administration and services budget.

Council officials said that a "standstill" implied a cut of about 5 per cent. They did not want to cause unnecessary alarm but job losses need not necessarily involve redundancies, and could be resolved by non-replacement of staff.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.
British Museum: George Hart, "Jubilee festivals of the Pharaoh," 11.30; "Egyptian watercolours of David Roberts, RA," 1.15.
Horniman Museum, Forest Hill: Dr Jane Smart: "Conserving London's Natural Habitat" (Slides), 3.30.
Victoria & Albert Museum: Richard Riddell, "Neo-classical furniture," 12; "Constable," 3.
Serpentine Gallery, Kens. Gardens: "Recalling the Fifties"—exhibition of painting & sculpture, 10-5.
St James, Piccadilly: Concert by London College of Music Symphony Orchestra, 5.30.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 10.
Victoria & Albert Museum: Anita Pepper, "Bernini and the Italian Baroque," 3.30.
St Bride's, Fleet St: Choral Mattins and Eucharist, Canon John Oates, 11. Choir performs part 1 and 2 of Haydn's "Creation," 6.30.
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Lost city in Peruvian 'cloud forest'

By IAN BALL in New York

THE remains of a new "Lost City" at a height of 8,600ft in the Peruvian Andes have puzzled American and Peruvian archaeologists who announced the discovery yesterday.

How could an impressive civilisation flourish in a "cloud forest," a place of almost perpetual rain?

The site, known as Gran Pajaten, is in a region of dense jungle growth in San Martin Province in central Peru. The remains examined and photographed to date — vast halls, terraces, buildings, tombs and statuary — were apparently the work of a previously unknown culture that flourished long before the glory days of the Incas.

Link with Incas

The mysterious city, perched on the steep, cloud-shrouded eastern slope of the Andes overlooking an unnamed river, appears to have been occupied from A.D. 500 to 1500. The culture's relationship to the Incas and the reasons for the abandonment of the city are questions the archaeologists say will occupy them for years to come.

In human terms, however, the central mystery is why an obviously advance civilisation would base its major community in a place of such continually foul weather.

Dr Jane Wheeler, an anthropologist at the University of Colorado, said that the team of American experts who explored the site last summer, were left puzzling over how an ancient civilisation could manage to maintain an evidently thriving culture under such daunting physical circumstances.

A thousands years ago, the weather in the region would have been roughly the same as today's climate, meteorologists believe.

Dr Tom Lennon, an archaeologist at the University of Colorado said that the evidence at Gran Pajaten was of a "high civilisation" that developed a distinctive style of architecture and might have had an advanced agriculture.

Dr Wheeler and Dr Lennon are to direct the new exploration programme, which is being undertaken with the co-operation of the Peruvian Institute of Culture and two Peruvian universities. A comprehensive examination of the site could take 15 years.

U.S. FIRMS COURTED

Essex is spending £25,000 in an effort to attract American firms to the area. The county council is sending publicity packages to 40,000 high technology companies and financial institutions.

Premiere for Britten's last work

By ROBIN STRINGER

BENJAMIN Britten's last unfinished work, which he sketched while in his sick bed in 1976, is to have its premier in August at Snape Maltings near Aldebrugh during the third Rostropovich Festival.

The eight-minute piece, "Praise We Great Men", is a setting for chorus and orchestra of a great poem dedicated to Britten and Edith Sitwell.

The work was completed by Colin Matthews, Britten's amanuensis, who had discussed it with the composer, after his death. "My part was only fleshing it out," Mr Matthews said yesterday.

"Though he was too weak at that stage to orchestrate the piece, it is full of energy and vitality and has no sense at all of failing powers".

Britten was writing the piece for his friend, Mstislav Rostropovich, the Russian cellist, to include in his 1977 season as conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington DC. Rostropovich will instead conduct the Philharmonia Orchestra and Chorus in the performance on Aug. 11.

£1m appeal

The Britten première and other Aldeburgh plans were announced yesterday by Peter Bowring, chairman of the Aldeburgh Foundation. Henri Dutilleux, the French composer, is to be composer-in-residence during the 38th Aldeburgh Festival in June which will open with a production of Handel's "Rodelinda" by the Britten-Pears School.

Artists appearing include the 93-year-old pianist Mieczyslaw Horszowski, the London Sinfonietta, Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle, the Arditti String Quartet, John Shirley-Quirk and from America the Vermeer Quartet and the Greenwich Choral Society of Connecticut.

MOSCOW CHESS CHALLENGE POSTPONED

By Our Chess Correspondent

The 48th world chess championship match game in Moscow was postponed yesterday to Monday for reasons undisclosed. Karpov, the defending champion who needs only one more win for victory, has lost only two games, but on each occasion the next game was postponed without his having to request it.

These options, limited to one in each eight games, offer an invaluable chance to overcome the psychological shock of a defeat.

For Monday, the match is to be transferred to a sports hotel on the outskirts of Moscow. It is an inferior venue to which both players have already objected, but a better one is to be sought.

The administrators of the beautiful "Hall of Columns" are said to be "fed up" with disrupting a stream of concerts and conferences caused by the chess match lasting months more than expected.

Obituary

Maj. Gen. R. EXHAM

Maj. Gen. Robert Kenah Exham, who has died aged 78, was Director of Land/Sea Warfare, War Office from 1957 to 1960. He was commissioned into the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1926 and served on the North West Frontier in 1935, winning two mentions in dispatches.

During the 1939-45 War he landed with the first British troops in France and won his Military Cross at Dunkirk where he left the beaches in the next to last boat.

Later he served in France and Germany and was made O B E in 1946 and C B E in 1949 for services in post-war Germany, C B 1952 while serving in the Suez Canal zone.

Dr RONALD SOUTH

Dr Ronald James South, who has died aged 65, was principal of the City Literary Institute, a leading London adult education centre, from 1968 to 1984. For 20 years he had also been actively involved in national and international adult education work.

He was an executive member of the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education and a past chairman of both the Education Centres Association and the Association for Adult and Continuing Education. C.B.E. 1983.

MAURICE GUYMER

Maurice Juniper Guymer who has died aged 70, had been a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate since 1967. He was one of the earliest practising solicitors to be appointed full-time to judicial office.

Educated at Westminster, he was admitted a solicitor in 1936 and served with the R A F from 1940 to 1945. After that he engaged in voluntary public service, particularly with young people. In 1953 he became a councillor at Kingston-upon-Thames and was Mayor twice in 1959-60 and 1960-61.

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MUSIC — MARTIN COOPER

Spinning an operatic fantasy

LIFE is an opera, said the old tenor, and grand opera at that. Tenor and baritone fight for the soprano, supported by the bass and two other subordinate characters, unless it is the soprano and contralto who fight for the tenor. There are a lot of choruses and ballets, and the orchestration is excellent.

The librettist is God and the composer Satan, a young man with a great future, who studied at the Celestial Conservatory until, resenting the preference shown for the bland, saccharine scores of his contemporaries Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, he staged a rebellion and was expelled from the institution.

All would have been well had God not written an operatic libretto which Satan managed to procure and set. After first refusing to show any interest, God eventually agreed to the work being performed, but only on condition that it was in a theatre specially created for the purpose, Earth. He refused to attend rehearsals, but agreed to share author's rights.

The refusal was perhaps a mistake, since there are places where the words and the music seriously diverge—though this is accounted by some to be the chief beauty of the work. It is certainly true that a number of passages tend to reappear from one act to the next, that there are some obscure places and that the numerous choruses often make it difficult to grasp the sense. So at least say impartial observers.

The composer's friends are enthusiastic admirers of the work, though some of them admit the presence of a number of unpolished passages and occasional lacunae. They maintain that these faults will correct themselves with time, more particularly since the composer is ready to make alterations to suit the librettist.

The librettist's friends feel quite differently. They maintain that the libretto has been sacrificed, that the music corrupts the meaning of the text and that, though often charming in itself and artistically admirable, it is in fact absolutely different from the drama, which on occasion it even contradicts.

The opera will last, said the old Italian, as long as the theatre itself, and it is difficult to say exactly when that is likely to be demolished "for reasons of astronomical necessity." The work is increasingly popular, and librettist and composer receive their author's rights punctually. These rights are not the same, however, since they are divided on the scriptural principle that "many are called, but few are chosen." God is paid in cash, Satan by cheque.

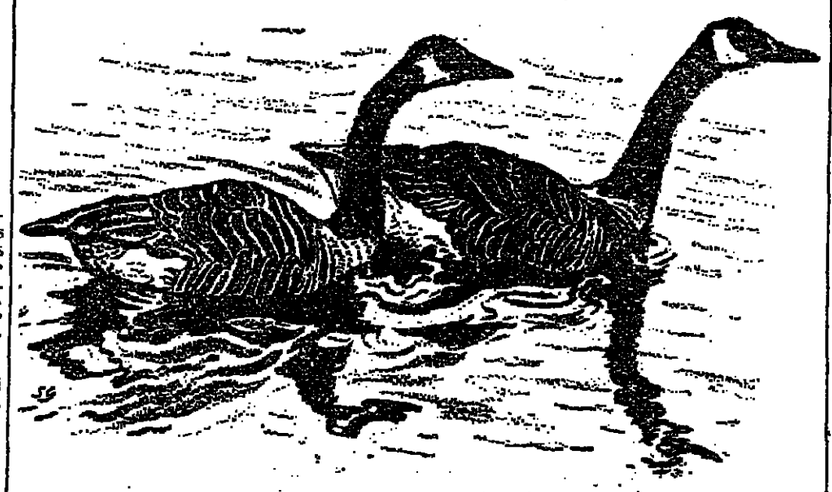
"It's a charming fancy," said his companion. "Fancy!", shouted the old man, though he calmed down immediately. "My friend, what I am telling you is the simple truth. One day, when all books have been burned as useless, someone is sure to come along—he may even be a tenor, even perhaps an Italian—and proclaim this truth to the world. Everything, my friend, is music. In the beginning was the C, and the C became D and so on. . . ."

The fable comes from a Brazilian novel of the 1890s—Machado de Assis "Dom Casmurro," the story of which is laid in the Rio de Janeiro of the 'sixties and 'seventies. Machado's novels are a unique blend of the fashionable realism of his day and a prophetic vision of the psychological novel of the 20th century, something like an amalgam of Zola and Borges, who might well have spun an operatic fantasy of this kind with the Teatro Colón in the background. Rio, however, never had a remotely comparable opera-house and the public for opera in Brazil was both smaller and less sophisticated than in Argentina.

Marcolini, the old tenor of Machado's story, is a reflection of that huge enthusiasm for individual singers which is part of the operatic ethos and always strong in reverse proportion to the musical education of a public. Marcolini had no doubt been a little god to the Rio public in his day and, finding it hard to leave the scene of his triumphs, had stayed on there, voiceless but still cherishing his operatic illusion of life, a figure Joyce might have invented.

The first European companies to give extended seasons of opera in Rio appeared in the 1840s and brought a selection of the latest Italian and French successes—Bellini, Donizetti, Auber and Herold, and in 1849 Verdi. Machado de Assis, born in Rio in 1839, grew up with the new interest in opera, primarily an entertainment of the Imperial Court of Pedro II but also no doubt as a mark of the enormously increasing prosperity of Brazil itself.

COUNTRY TALK — JAMES PRESTON



Extrovert gabblers—Canada geese.

A fly-past in formation

THERE IS a certain magic about geese which I cannot explain. Some men can fall in love with a beautiful woman or cherish a work of fine art. But when I get hungry for company I go and look at the geese.

The Brents regarded me with deep disdain. I think they know how well the law protects them. Canadas zoomed overhead in wide V formations at the speed of jet fighters, all shouting at each other excitedly. It was something like a public bar debate on politics or religion when everyone is talking but no-one is listening.

The Whitefronts, down from the Arctic in vast flocks, looked at me with stretched necks like a duchess would look down on an inferior person such as myself.

Then the most astonishing event occurred. A rainbow caught fire. Pieces were falling out of the sky and whizzing about like a huge berserk firework.

Except that the firework twittered as it darted and wheeled about overhead. It was a flock of well over 100 free-flying budgerigars moving in tight co-ordination. Budgies are native to some of the hottest parts of Australia and this rare flock is unlikely to have survived the extreme cold of recent weeks.

Even Canada geese—the smallest variety, incidentally, is known, appropriately, as "The Cackling Goose"—were introduced in the 1680s and I was astonished to learn from Sir Christopher Lever's exciting and authoritative book "The Naturalised Animals of the British Isles," that there are 22 introduced species of mammals, 16 of birds, seven of reptiles and amphibians and 14 of fish. Some like the Zander, are hated, and one, "the Pumpkinseed," is, if nothing else, delightfully named.

But I was particularly intrigued to learn that my island, the Isle of Wight, is the home of the nation's entire stock of the African clawed toad. This I had to see and off I went.

Not only could I not find a single African clawed toad; I could not find an English one, nor a frog nor a friendly newt.

What makes the naturalised species so interesting is that we have so few truly native species. Where we benefit is from the vast migrations of birds, from the smallest song birds, through to swallows and swifts to those flocks of geese which enchant the dawn.

But every time you ask a question about the numbers and migration of ducks, geese and swans you tend to get another question rather than an answer. Why do almost 100,000 Mute swans winter off the Baltic coast of Denmark? Incidentally, Britain, Denmark and the Netherlands possess something like 90 per cent. of the world's population of this majestic bird.

Why do some families of birds, like the grouse family, live almost exclusively on one food source while "The Laughing Goose" (or White-front) proved to be able to change its diet completely in a few generations in the face of widespread drainage, especially in "The Slobs" of Wexford in the Irish Republic.

It was once thought that Zostera grass was essential to the survival of the Brents. Those I watched, in an area where there were acres of the grass, would not even look at it and I did not see a single goose eat as much as a strand of it.

Why does the entire Greenland and Iceland population of Whitefronts migrate to the British Isles while the Russian population winters in the Netherlands?

Questions like this could go on forever except that they were driven out of my mind for an hour or so when I found a vast pasture of marsh samphire (glasswort), one of the most delicious of edible wild plants and I was soon wallowing about in the mud, all birds forgotten, as the stuff was cut. There is one country tale which is absolutely true: the best samphire is that which has been cleansed and refreshed by two tides a day.

Then there is the astonishing story of how some species survive at all. Some arctic-nesting species lose 70 per cent. of their eggs and young each year to foxes and murderous gulls. Wildfowlers throughout Europe take their annual toll and yet many species are continually increasing in numbers.

The goslings usually stay with the family for their first two years, so you can imagine the distress caused by the loss of a parent.

Then I heard them and my hair stood on end. I was climbing a dyke when I heard that eerie, primitive call of the first of the Whooper swans down from Iceland, and when you have heard that unmistakable sound you know you are in wild country.

ART — TERENCE MULLALY

The question of Renoir

IF Renoir had not existed we would have had to invent him, for he is the epitome of one aspect of French art. We see what this means from the exhibition at the Hayward Gallery.

It was inevitable, given the course not only of economics, but also of art, that the 19th century should see an affirmation in painting of the delights of the commonplace. Today it is axiomatic that the Impressionists and one or two other artists, notably Cezanne, represent a high spot of European achievement: it was left to Renoir to glorify the commonplace.

This is one aspect of his achievement. No wonder his work is so phenomenally popular. Girls who have teetered over from puberty into lush expectancy have a general appeal. Not everyone responds to the svelte and nascent eroticism. Yet although the simple pleasures of an excess of flesh, which Renoir represented with such facility, sometimes towards the end becoming crudity, seduce both young and old, they carry with them dangers.

The most extraordinary thing about Renoir has to do not with his genius, but with his posthumous success. He was capable of being not just crass in the sentiments he expressed, but almost totally incompetent as a painter. So clumsy is the drawing, so defective the representation of space, so gross the sentiment, so vulgar the colour of many, indeed most of Renoir's late works, that were it not for the glamour surrounding his name they would be cast aside.

Why then does one return to Renoir? I hope it is not because of his aura. On a higher level the answer is simple. He painted a few pictures which are so good that they would take pride of place anywhere.

We are then left with a straightforward question. How could a man able to point such pictures also be painfully banal? Before answering this question it is well to consider the present exhibition. There is much to be said in its favour, but its limitations should also be noted.

At the Hayward, the Arts Council exhibition, which is sponsored by IBM, continues until April 21. There is though a word of warning which should be sounded about the London exhibition. This is that it is weak in the big genre pictures which are essential for a full understanding of Renoir. What is more this applies to works from all parts of life. "The Cabaret of Mother Antony", in the National museum, Stockholm, a key early work of 1866, the "Bal du Moulin de la Galette", belonging to the Musée d'Orsay of ten years later, and the "Luncheon of the boating party", from the Phillips Collection, Washington, of 1880-81, are among pictures that will be exhibited in Paris only.

Yet even the absence of these and other paintings does not account for the disconcerting, indeed unsatisfactory impression created by this exhibition. First it is wise to look at the best things.

At the very beginning there is a portrait of a girl, lent by the Cleveland Museum, which is so good that we carry on with a quick, eager step. It is fresh, not in any dewy sense, but with a kind of crystaline presence that makes us feel that this little person is here among us. Other admirable things are to be found at this early point in Renoir's career. There is for instance, in this exhibition, his painting of Bazille at his easel, from the Musée d'Orsay, which is almost as good as one of Bazille's own works.

It was though not just a matter of precocity. Not for nothing is "Les Parapluies" one of the most popular paintings in the National Gallery. It is easy, too, to define why we value the two big pictures of couples dancing, "Dance in the City" and "Dance in the Country," lent by the Musée d'Orsay. The turn of the girls' heads, so endearingly human, and the sense of movement are not their only merits; these things help to establish a sense of intimacy, universal human emotions are fixed. The same is true with another picture.

This is "The Lovers" and just as one of the revelations of the Venetian exhibition held at the Royal Academy last winter was Titian's "Flaying of Marsyas," from Czechoslovakia, so this Renoir comes from the Narodni Galleri, in Prague. Here again there is an utterly convincing representation of human emotions. The woman's expression is almost a grimace. Yet when sexual desire is burning, face and body do become obvious. If it were just a picture in which emotion was faithfully portrayed it would be remarkable enough, but there is something else. We treasure the work of the Impressionists for the almost tangible feeling they convey of our being in the open air and here there is a wonderful sense of the play of light through foliage.

How then did Renoir decline so abysmally? It is not enough to point to his arthritis. Renoir's responses were always direct. This is dangerous; the uncomplicated can easily become vulgar. French painting of the past 100 years has two faces. The number of worthy *petits maîtres* is a delight, yet, at the same time, there is a disconcerting element of prettiness, becoming saccharine. That the *petits maîtres* rise to the heights and that men who, like Renoir, can embarrass, also at times enhance life by celebrating universal pleasures is a token of the genius of France.

Renoir masterpiece: Gabrielle with jewellery.

BRIDGE — G. C. H. FOX

DESPITE a count of 27 points, game was not easy to make on this hand from a team-of-four match, because communication proved difficult as one hand held only a queen:

Dealer South — Game All

North: ♠ 7 5 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ Q 10 9 6 3 ♣ 7 5 3

West: ♠ J 6 4 3 ♥ J 10 9 7 ♦ A 8 2 ♣ Q 9

East: ♠ Q 10 9 ♥ 8 5 4 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ K 10 8 6

South: ♠ A K 8 ♥ A K Q ♦ K J 4 ♣ A J 4 2

The bidding at both tables was:

S	W	N	E
2♣	—	2♦	—
3NT			

South's rebid showed at least 25 points.

In one room West led ♥J taken with ♥Q. With six top tricks the balance should come from diamonds. After winning the opening lead, South led ♦K, which held, East following with ♦7, the beginning of a high-low peter to show an even number of cards in a suit. So when South next led ♦J West again played low, dummy's queen overtaking to gain the lead.

As the diamonds were now useless South turned his attention to clubs. He led ♣3 to which East followed with ♣6 and ♣J lost to ♣Q. West returned ♥10 to ♥K. South laid down ♣A and followed with ♣2, hoping for a 3-3 split, but this did not happen and the contract failed by one trick.

At the other table the opening lead was the same but at Trick 2 South led ♣2 from hand. Had West played ♣Q it would have been possible to finesse against East's ♣K after forcing an entry to dummy with ♦Q. In fact West played low and East won with ♣10. Regaining the lead with ♥K South played ♦K, which won as expected. He next played ♣A, felling West's ♣Q, and then led ♦J, overtaken with ♦Q. A low club played from dummy towards ♣J 4 secured the ninth trick. This was clearly a better line of play as it would also succeed if clubs were 3-3.

South appeared to have four top losers after the natural lead of ♥K against 4♠ on this hand from a pairs tournament:

Dealer South — Game All

North: ♠ 10 9 4 2 ♥ A 8 ♦ K J 9 ♣ Q 6 5 2

West: ♠ K ♥ K Q 10 5 2 ♦ 10 7 5 3 ♣ 9 7 3

East: ♠ A 8 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 8 6 4 ♣ 10 8 4

South: ♠ Q J 7 6 5 3 ♥ J 4 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A K J

The bidding was:

S	W	N	E
1♠	—	3♠	—
4♠			

West led ♥K. This was the obvious lead but it left South with four top losers. The usual plan was to take in dummy, cross to hand with ♣A and lead ♠Q in the hope that West held ♠K x, would go up with the king and crash his partner's ♠A. This was rather naive as West would surely play low on the grounds that South, if his trumps were headed by A Q, would more likely finesse against the king.

The successful declarers played ♣A K followed by ♣J to ♣Q. When all followed the last club was led from the table and ♥J discarded. East ruffs with ♠8 but now ♠K and ♠A fall together.

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BT561: YOU wouldn't think that a light 93,000,000 miles away would be visible to the naked eye at all, but you will know what I am talking about when I say that it has a diameter of 865,000 miles, and bathes us in diurnal sun and shadow.

Talking of shadows, they have just finished erecting a new TV transmitting aerial on Yewclad Plains. The mast, I am told by the engineer-in-charge, is a slim, guyed, twelve-inch steel tube which soars vertically 600 feet above the plain.

"Quite some sundial," I remarked. "Why don't you surround it with posts marking the hours?"

Which suggestion caused some laughter, and discussion as to how far from the mast the posts should be set. If for instance, the sun were 45° above the horizon, how long an umbral shadow (say to the nearest foot) would the mast cast on the plain?

And if you think you have worked the answer out in your head already, you are diametrically wrong, and will need to do a great deal more thinking.

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D. StP. BARNARD

CHESS — B. H. WOOD

"THE length of the world chess championship match" according to one report from Moscow "is driving everyone, including the players themselves, to despair."

Resting heavily on Anatoly Karpov's soul is, undoubtedly, the memory of his match against Viktor Korchnoi in Baguio, in the Philippines, having established a 5-2 lead, and needing one more win to clinch the match, he dropped three games to allow his opponent to tie the scores at 5-5; only then did he, by a mighty effort (or through a reaction on Korchnoi's part) take the next game to win the match.

Lev Alburt, the American champion, is almost taking over the role of Korchnoi as tormenter of the Soviet Union. He has alleged in the NEW YORK TIMES that Karpov "relies heavily on such things as hypnosis and drugs. . . . When Karpov began to lose games" in his 1974 Korchnoi match "he looked terrible . . . only injections of powerful stimulators" (sic) "allowed him to keep playing."

In his Baguio match mentioned above "a very similar story happened. Then, despite all efforts of the Soviet support team, consisting of top-class physicians, hypnotists, oriental healers etc., etc., he began to fade very rapidly" . . . When he came up for the last game, says Alburt, extraordinary measures were taken "to enable him to play just one more game."

Not unnaturally, Karpov has other explanations. He was "over-confident" when he got to 5-2 and is absolutely determined not to let anything like that happen again. Hence these over-cautious draws.

I wonder how many people remember Zoukar, the malevolent-faced "parapsychologist" who, by persistently glaring from a front seat at Baguio, upset Korchnoi so badly. According to Alburt, that was not his original mission at all: "His role with Karpov was to develop a schedule for taking various vitamins, drugs, stimulators (all combined with diet) to allow him to stay in good shape for the two months the match was supposed to last . . . and during the match. Zoukar suggested what kind of drugs to take in certain special situations—to stay awake overnight, analysing an adjourned position for instance, or to get into the very best shape for a crucial game where Karpov planned to use one of his opening 'bombs'."

Some may feel that such frenzied backing might become counter-productive. Nowhere does Alburt specify any particular drug other than tea or coffee.

"Allegedly" continued Alburt in one article (and when he uses that word, you really have to take what follows with reserve) "Zoukar later deserted Karpov for Gary Kasparov. If this is true, Kasparov relies now on the advice of a professional who knows Karpov's physical and mental characteristics better than anyone else."

All this was actually written some weeks ago. Alburt made one prognostication which has been brilliantly borne out. "He must win that sixth game quickly: he must do it now, in a week or two. To do so he should take some risks, play some risky openings—take stronger, more powerful drugs. The overdoses could keep Karpov in better shape for awhile but they would also make depression deeper. They are hazardous to his health, too."

Since then there have been 14 draws and a loss for Karpov.

NATURE

BRER FOX is a loner, except in the breeding season. So, for the greater part of the year, most of us see foxes singly, the occasional sight of one from the window of a train streaking across a field. Their breeding season begins mainly in January but may extend into February. This year it has meant that their breeding has coincided with the abominable cold weather. For this I am thankful. It brought a pair of them trotting casually across the lawn, on Jan. 15, in broad daylight, looking magnificently colourful in their thick winter coats against the background of pristine white snow. It was a wonderful sight which momentarily banished all thoughts of rabies and depredations on hen-houses, or even the atrocious scent sometimes given off, so that one revelled, however fleetingly, in the sight of one of our most beautiful wild animals.

A fox, tamed from the time its eyes open, reveals a temperament comparable to the beauty of its pelt. In this connection my mind always reverts to a young, fully tame vixen I looked after for a week or so on its way to a new owner living in a flat in London. It spent its remaining years there, a family favourite.

The word "twee" was coined at the turn of the century, a colloquialism for anything dainty or chic. It has also been used for over-sentimental verbal description, especially of animals. I am prepared to be twee about this particular vixen for she was dainty and chic, with the sweetest disposition. Apparently her first owners felt the same about her, for she had been named "Lady," a name fully justified to the end of her days.

MAURICE BURTON

ARTS REVIEWS

CONCERT / Chicago SO

Solti sparkles

THE fine art of programme building contributed greatly to the quality of the experience when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and their music director Sir Georg Solti gave a brilliant Festival Hall concert in association with the TIMES bicentenary celebrations. Of the two Ninth Symphonies presented, the one by Shostakovitch provided an ideal precursor for the Bruckner to follow.

The Russian master's smiling refusal to conform to heroic expectations aroused by that hallowed figure resulted (much to Stalin's chagrin) in a mood-scape of wry wit and mockery. It was caught to perfection by a subtly-pointed sophisticated reading, with Solti carefully avoiding digressions into Shostakovian grotesqueries, so mercifully absent here.

The orchestra, for all its large numbers produced delightfully airy textures and nimble phrasing where at least the solos by the leader and the principal bassoon demand special praise. If in the Moderato movement the sporadic insertions of a crotchet-rest into the prevailing 3/4 bar occasionally made one doubt the performance's metric accuracy, this may well have been the composer's wicked intention.

Now all this was nice enough, yet come an early interval and one felt less than fully stretched and rather eager for a more substantial challenge. The Ninth is one of several Bruckner symphonies which, while you listen, seem the most difficult of them all to take in.

But luckily Solti exemplifies the conducting profession's privilege of growing ever better with advancing years. Perhaps in the first movement he failed not so much to overwhelm us but to appear overwhelmed himself. Yet as his performance with this quite outstanding orchestra proceeded, such was the magnitude of the message conveyed as to make the work seem complete, to the point of rendering one positively grateful that Bruckner had to break off after the Adagio.

Responding to the enthusiastic ovations the visitors presented the birthday-child with a piece dating from 1785—the finale of Haydn's "La poule" Symphony.

Peter Stadlen

TV / Dempsey and Makepeace

No cliché unturned

IT WAS Bill Cotton, now BBC television's managing director, who in his youthful enthusiasm made that immortal remark about the foolishness of burying "their rubbish" rather than making "our rubbish." Now it seems he cannot even afford enough new samples of their rubbish to cover his insatiable schedule and must fill out Friday prime time with repeats or repeats of repeats of "Starsky and Hutch."

And it is London Weekend which simultaneously airs its new mid-Atlantic imitation, the miraculously resourceful Dempsey and Makepeace (ITV), who again showed last night what prodigious feats of law enforcement can be achieved when the cops are invested with supernatural powers.

At the climax of this Jonathan Hales episode, Lt James Dempsey (Michael Brandon) tumbled out of an aeroplane and fell on his feet with not a hair out of place to talk Sgt Harriet Makepeace (Glynis Barber) through her first solo flight and landing, she who had never before sat in a pilot's seat.

To be accurate, Dempsey was assisted in his fall to earth by clinging to the villain, who actually had a parachute. And, after landing and continuing the spectacular fight which had started in the aircraft, the Lootenant did have a patch, artistically applied in a pastel shade of red, beside one eye. No swelling of course. The American star may be a swell but he does not swell.

Though their credit title sequence is almost interchangeable with that of "Starsky and Hutch" the new duo, part of Scotland Yard's previously unknown SI-10, are required to extend the range of all-action undercover work to a little discreetly statuesque undergarment work.

Thus must Makepeace pay for her English good looks and her previous incarnation as the BBC's strip cartoon "Jane at War."

There is otherwise an enjoyable panache about this rubbish, every cliché of the form meticulously brushed off and presented as new. "What's baggish?" asks Dempsey. "It's offal," replies Makepeace. "No, I dont mean what does it taste like," explains the American. It is probably offal enough to retain its 15 to 16 million audience through its 11 weeks.

Which is rather more than will be attending to The New Pacific (BBC-2) even when it seeks to draw attention to itself with a subtitle like "Over Rich, Over Sexed . . . and Over Here." In the event there was no evidence that anybody filmed for this third programme in the series dealing with Pacific tourism, was oversexed.

Rather, Michael Macintyre's handsome documentary made the fairly obvious point that when tourism becomes too important in poor countries it is liable to destroy the culture on which it feeds. I suspect that the contrast drawn here between the anger of Hawaiians about visiting Americans who do not confer any benefits and the success of Bali in keeping tourists in their place is a bit of an over-simplification.

Sean Day-Lewis

THEATRE / A brilliant debut

IT is always a temptation, with a comical old masterpiece like "The Government Inspector" at the Olivier, to turn it into a crude knockabout farce. Gogol, who wrote the play in 1836 and deprecated such treatment, intended it as a satire on the stupidity and corruption of petty officialdom in Nicholas Fs Russia, at that time as backward and isolated as a suburb of the moon.

But a good production does not miss the jangling contempt behind its mockery. It started a furore which obliged Gogol to flee abroad. No wonder: the bureaucrats are all terrified when a VIP arrives incognito to inspect the vulgar shambles they have made of their provincial town.

The joke is that the supposed VIP is a penniless young clerk, Ivan, just passing through but quite ready to give himself a joyride on the backs of the mistaken, obsequious townfolk. One of the funniest moments comes with the first confrontation of this impudent rip with the town's Governor.

Each, terrified, thinks the other is about to clap him into jail. But pretty soon Ivan is awash with free victuals and borrowed roubles, with the Governor's stupid wife and daughter at his elegant feet.

The Olivier sets the scene in a spectacular John Gunter set, starting as a white fantasy of bureaucratic bumf, transforming into claustrophobic interiors of Dickensian horror. Here Richard Eyre directs a grotesquely exaggerated, expressionist production, beginning and ending with flashes of lightning and building every character into a monster of overkill.

Eavesdroppers at a door are hurled backwards, repeatedly, downstairs. An inn room collapses, unnecessarily, in ruins. At a party, a great plaster bust is smashed to bits. When Ivan feels triumphant, he is raised high from his sleigh on a fork-lift to recite a Gogol speech not in the play.

The worst of this treatment: it often drives actors in pursuit of broad farcical clowning which freezes Gogol's comedy ice-cold (as he warned it would). And the best: it turns the township's cheating, lying and swindling and their craven fear of Ivan's discovery, into a grand Guignol nightmare which, when not ponderously overstated, is frightening.

Such moments include the drunken Ivan's boasting; it scares a whole room into a ceremony of cringing. And a scene for petitioning beggars: they are picked up and hurled into the street.

Two performances dominate. An unknown, Rik Mayall, makes a brilliant debut as Ivan, a dashing, good-looking dandy, the soul of mischief, with a gift for comedy to be treasured. The other is Jim Broadbent's towering Governor, who blows up smugness into a zeppelin of conceit. What he does with one disgusted line in Adrian Mitchell's colloquial translation brought down the house: "Women! That one word sums you up!"

John Barber

Some notices appeared in yesterday's later editions.

ART GALLERIES

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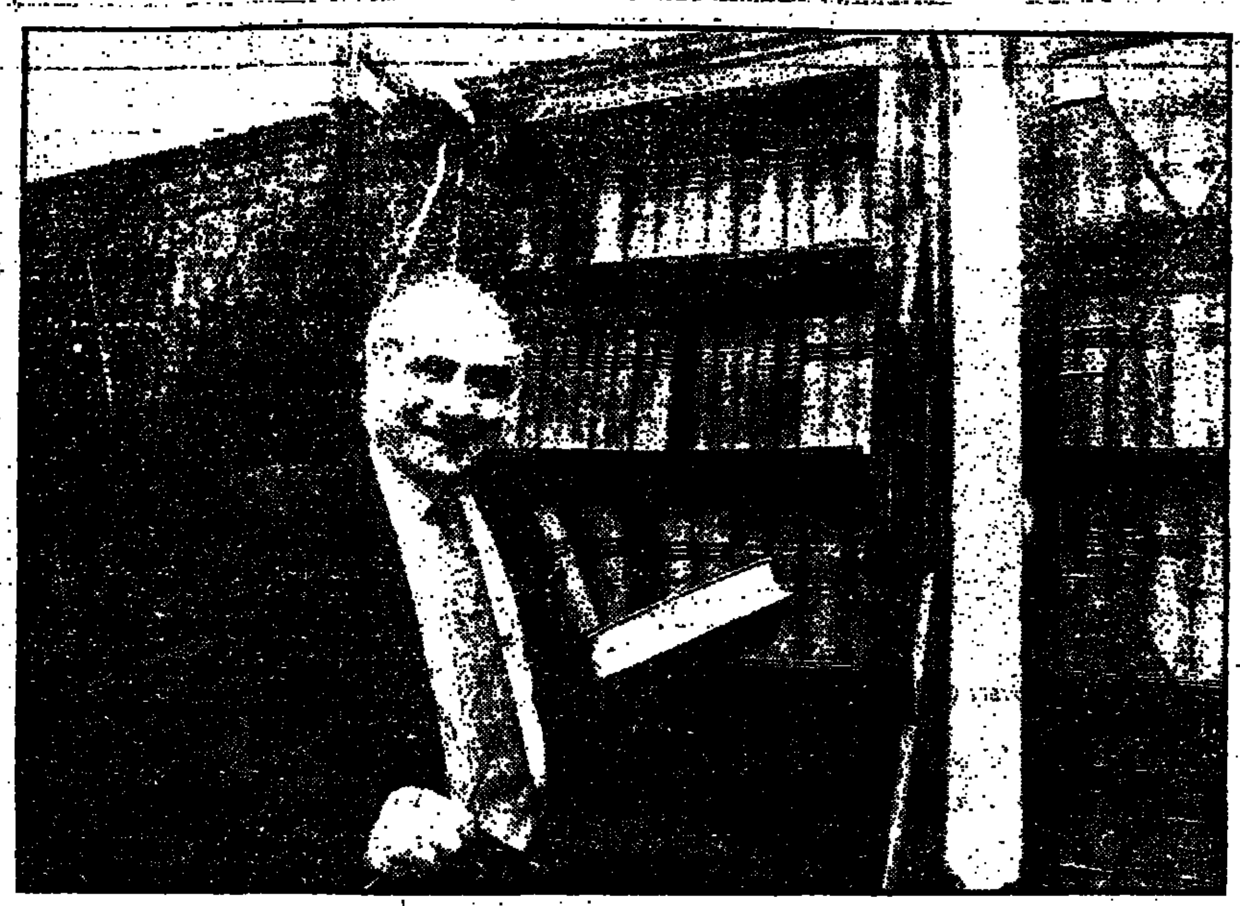

Why there could be a place for you on the Bench

By Paula Davies

TO most of us the average J P conjures up visions of a pompous local squire or a be-hatted grande dame, a stolid trade unionist or a dithery do-gooder. Nothing could be further from the truth of the situation.

During nine years on the Bench — admittedly in Inner London — I have never met such types, though I'm still prepared to believe they exist. And, if the Advisory Committee to the Lord Chancellor could recommend a journalist like myself, everyone has a chance to try this fascinating form of voluntary work.

Now the magistracy is being advertised nationally. "We want to bring the Bench to everyone's attention," said Brian Cooke, who is the Lord Chancellor's Secretary of Commissions concerned with the appointment of lay magistrates. "The appointments system comes in for criticism because of its confidentiality but people don't seem to realise that anyone can recommend anyone else. By encouraging more applications the more likely we are to end up with a Bench which more accurately reflects the local community."

Therein lies the rub. Although it is easy to find the middle-aged, middle-class with time to spare, there are great difficulties in recruiting younger people and those from what are termed "ethnic minorities." The time-honoured practice of circularising political parties, trades unions, ideal councils and many organisations still continues.

But the effect of advertising for individuals should encourage those who are not part of any grouping to come forward. Dr Douglas Acres, chairman of the Magistrates Association who is on the advisory committee for his local area in Essex, says that more people need weeding out as a result of advertisements.

"Age is the first selection process," he told me. "We rarely recommend anyone over the age of 55. Our greatest difficulty is getting weekly wage earners and the social grouping is the most difficult aspect of all." Yet he was pleased with five recent appointments. "We now have a company executive, a teacher from an E S N school, a playgroup leader, a tanker driver and a school caretaker. That is a reasonable mix."

So why become a magistrate? Interest in the law's effects on people was my reason but everyone will approach this curious work from a different angle. To find out what qualities are required (I never did fathom my own appointment) I asked the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, David Hopkin, for his views.

"Patience is a prime requirement," he said. "You have to sit and listen. Then you have to have the ability to realise what facts are important and be able to sift them. And you have to be able to recognise and control your own prejudices.

"When it comes to sentencing," he continued. "I think humanity is vital, but matching that with the public interest. It is no good whacking someone for a large fine when he is on supplementary benefit."

As the chief of the stipendiary (paid) magistrates in London, he might seem more likely to favour the professional lawyer like himself and his colleagues over the lay justices, but not at all. "Lay people bring their own knowledge and experience to the courts and by being included in the judicial process they understand how it works. In other countries the judicial process is a thing apart. As with the jury system, using lay justices leads to a better and wider understanding of what is involved."

One of the most senior lay justices is Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, the present chairman of the Inner London Juvenile Court Panel which numbers more than 200 magistrates ranging from doctors and academics to post office workers and shop-floor members of public authorities. Her views are virtually identical with those of Mr Hopkin.

"You also need a certain degree of detachment," she said. "Otherwise you could be haunted by some cases, particularly those civil actions where battered children are concerned. You need compassion as well, and you always have to remember how frightened most people are in a court. It is terribly important to put them at ease and remain as open-minded and unprejudiced as possible."

When she applied to become a magistrate more than 20 years ago she was asked what someone in her social position could possibly know about ordinary people. She raised her eyebrows. "I've never been what is called a 'lady of leisure' and had been a social worker for 20 years before applying. Mind you, I don't think social workers usually make good magistrates," she added, disarmingly.

Currently she is chairman of the Cancer Research Campaign, a member of the committee of the Advertising Standards Authority, a lay member of the professional conduct committee of the Bar Council and, what she probably loves above all, vice-chairman of the Friends of the Elderly, a charity set up to look after the old and frail.

"There is no doubt that working as a J P is interesting. "There are no two ways about that," said David Hopkin. "Despite the fact that many cases can be tragic there are quite a few moments of light relief." Pressed to remember one, he quotes one of the regular drunks at Bow Street who, having been given a lenient sentence, declared: "Thank you, guv. You're a gent. They're not many of us left."

ABOVE, LEFT: David Hopkin, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, is pictured in his office at Bow Street Court in London. Appointed in 1982, he is only the 29th chief magistrate since the office was set up in 1735.

ABOVE: pictured with her cat, Stanley Ogden, Lady Elizabeth Cavendish is present chairman of the Inner London Juvenile Court Panel.

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DEPRESSION: THE OTHER ANSWERS

By Dr K C Hutchin

Daily Telegraph Medical Consultant

FOLLOWING a recent article in this page several readers suffering from various degrees of depression wrote to me. Many of these readers mentioned that they were taking tranquillisers and sleeping tablets.

The range of tranquillisers and sleeping tablets available in the National Health Service will probably be restricted after April this year. This decision, which is still the subject of discussions between the Department of Health and the doctors, is probably a wise one.

Too many products of this type have been introduced in recent years, many being similar to, or even identical with, others already on the market. Many doctors agree that tranquillisers have been over-prescribed and that in many cases they are not the appropriate treatment for the patients who are taking them.

Tranquillisers are the treatment of choice for anxiety, nervous tension and agitation. Although these symptoms may occur in cases of depression, they are not always present.

Tranquillisers have a depressant effect on the nervous system so they may lead to further lowering of the already depressed mood. Therefore, in the absence of the anxiety symptoms mentioned above, they may not be the appropriate treatment for some cases of depression. Tranquillisers also have the disadvantage of being habit-forming.

The proposed list of sleeping tablets to be available for N H S patients after April may not contain the drugs which some doctors would choose but discussions are now under way. Sleeping tablets are widely used by normal people, many of whom could get by without them altogether, or on milder tablets than those they are actually taking. Some popular brands are not fully eliminated from the system by the next morning so that their effects linger on well into the day.

As insomnia is a common feature of depression sleeping tablets are frequently prescribed. It is important in these cases to use tablets which are fully eliminated by the next morning as depressives may feel low enough at that time of day without having to cope with a hangover from their night sedation as well.

One reader, who was taking tranquillisers and sleeping tablets intermittently, wrote that "the best therapist I have had to help me through so far has been a retired Methodist minister who has guided me in a spiritual way rather than a scientific or medical approach." I, personally, am in favour of depressives seeking this type of psychological support.

I am sure that in days gone by when doctors, psychiatrists and tablets were not so readily available, many people were helped back from even the darkest depressions by clergy of all religions. I have even known priests who have taken the drastic step of being psychoanalysed, a lengthy and disturbing process which is customary in the professional training of psychotherapists, in order to help their depressed parishioners.

If a depressive can achieve peace of mind by spiritual means the need for drugs of all types may be reduced.

There is a growing awareness at present that doctors and clergy can usefully co-operate in various types of illness, including depression. The Royal College of General Practitioners has recently formed a working party to examine the subject and a Health and Healing counselling centre is planned for the crypt of a London church near Harley Street where local G Ps have already agreed to help.

The Chairman of the Council for Health and Healing is Bishop Morris Maddox. The headquarters office of the Council is under the charge of Rev. Denis Duncan, telephone: 01-486 9644.

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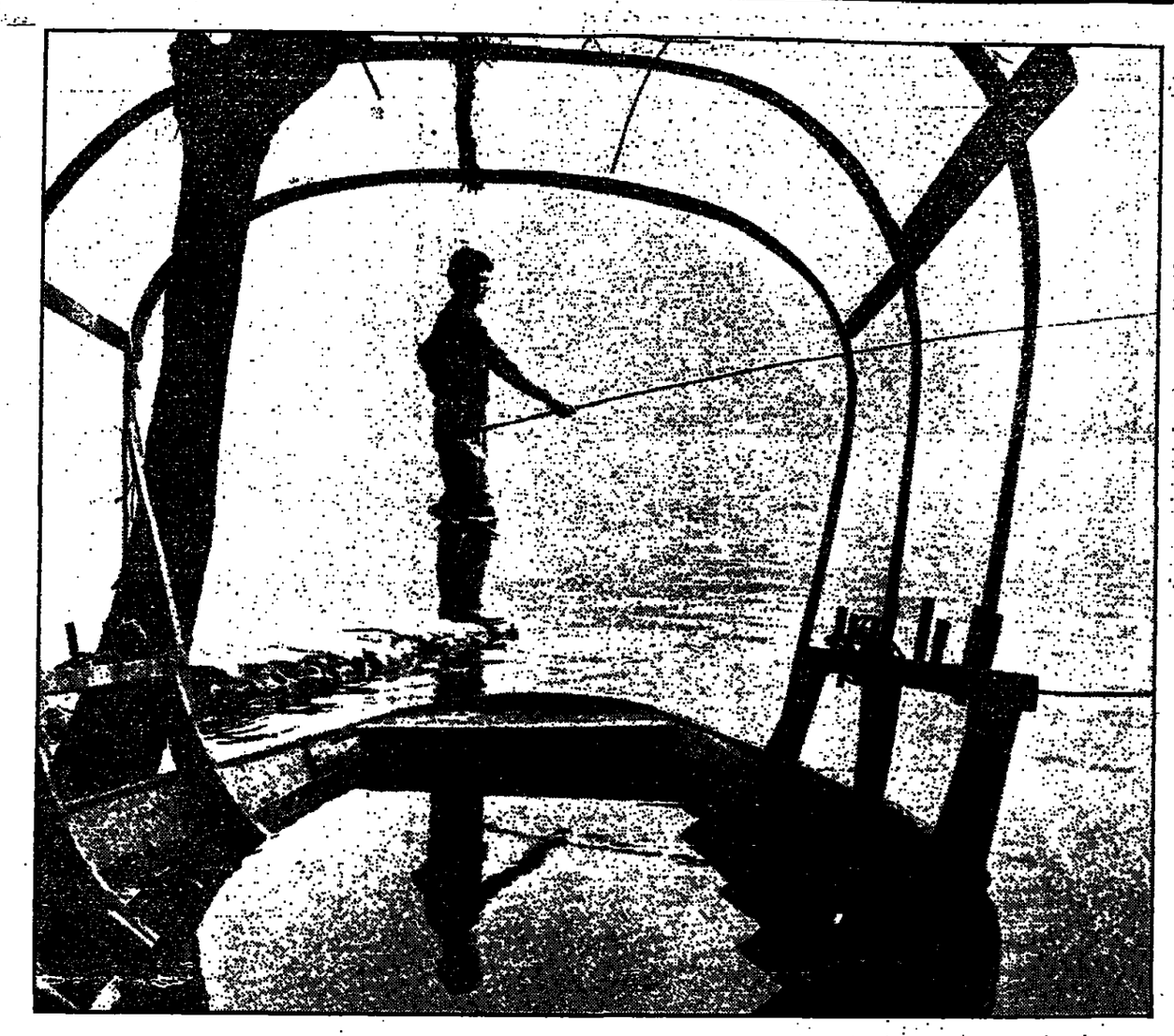
● The misty beauty, right, of Lake Garda at Brisimpiano, a tiny fishing village near Gargnano (picture by GEORGE H. HALL), below, drawing on the side street in Verona (picture by PETER BAKER).



● Above: a sunny corner of Verona: the cloisters of the cathedral (picture by ANTHONY KERSTING).

Lingering memories of life by the lakeside

Pictures by MICHAEL WEBB

BY JOHN PETTY

YOU do not need to be an opera buff to be enchanted by "Aida" sung under midnight stars with 22,000 enraptured people perched around you on the tiered stone steps of the ancient Roman arena in Verona.

The smartly-dressed élite strolled to plush seats minutes before the overture, but the throng in short-sleeved shirts and summery dresses had been in place for two hours, eating picnics or buying food, drink and souvenirs from basket-carrying attendants showing the agility of mountain goats as they scrambled round the packed terraces.

Then the lights went down and thousands in the audience lit tiny candles as the conductor strode to the rostrum. The massive stage blended superbly into one end of the arena, making it possible to deploy hundreds of "extras" in the most spectacular scenes.

It is an enduring memory of a stay in Riva, where beautiful Lake Garda turns from an inland sea to a fir-wooded fjord between Monte Rocchetta and Monte Brione close to the awesomely-towering Dolomites.

Claimed to be the cleanest lake in Europe, Garda is for swimmers, wind-surfers and sunbathers, with many free beaches of small, smooth pebbles and an occasional strip of sand. Steamers and hydrofoils criss-cross the lake from resort to resort at gratifyingly low prices. A four-hour cruise from Riva in the north to Desenzano in the south costs only about £2·50, with bar and restaurant on the steamer.

And, with wine such as Bardolino, Soave and Valpolicella from 65p a bottle (provided it comes from local supermarkets, not the hotels), enjoyment can be very cheap.

Three regions meet at the lake: Lombardy, Trentino and Veneto, making it an apparently good touring centre. But most visitors are so captivated by Garda and its cooling breezes that they abandon preconceived ideas and linger round the lake instead.

The towns all have their own characteristics. Sirmione stands at the end of a peninsula, charmed the poet Catullus and has a fortress of the Scalas; Salo claims to be the birthplace of the inventor of the violin; Gardone has botanical gardens with 2,000 kinds of trees and flowers, and Mussolini had a villa at Gargnano.

Limone excited D. H. Lawrence; Tremosine, known to the Etruscans, balances high above the lake on sheer cliffs; Goethe lived at Torbole; at Malcesine a cable car runs 6,000ft from the Mediterranean heat to the cool air atop Monte Baldo, while Lazise is surrounded by aged town walls with battlements.

Getting there is easy, either individually or by packaged tours: from Neilson, Intasun, Blue Sky, Cosmos (among others); prices for a half-board week from about £170 including flights to Venice or Milan. Citalia also does rail holidays that start from London's Victoria Station and last 12 days; Neilson has coach-travel holidays and Inghams offers own-car arrangements.

After Napoleon into retreat

By Penny Visman

CONSIDERING that it is one of the larger Mediterranean islands, and relatively easily accessible, Elba seems to be curiously missing from package holiday brochures.

Although many people know about Napoleon's famous exile there, few seem to realise that there are also good beaches, clear warm sea, dramatic mountain scenery and acres of vineyards on this Italian island.

When our local tour firm offered self-catering holidays on Elba for the first time in 1984 we decided to give it a try with our teenage children. Even in August there was only one British car on the ferry crossing—but this did make for a genuine Italian atmosphere, which can be all too elusive on package holidays in high season.

Our apartment was in Seccheto, a secluded fishing village on the south-west coast, where many Italians have holiday homes, and gregarious groups congregate at the Pensione Da Fine. The owner of the Pensione is one of the local characters, to be seen each morning sitting on a tiny balcony outside his kitchen, chopping garlic, herbs and vegetables for the Tuscan dishes he cooks.

The general ambience of village life in Seccheto is reminiscent of Jacques Tati's classic film "Monsieur Hulot's Holiday": the traditional beach scene without gimmicks and trappings.

We soon became so absorbed in this casual, relaxed way of life that we opted to use the local bus service to see the island, rather than hire a car. The buses were prompt, reliable, clean and cheap; journeys of about an hour cost 50p.

One of the prettiest places we visited was Marciana Marina on the north west coast, a thriving port with many colour-washed old houses. The Cotone Quarter has buildings right on the rocks and, just beyond, is a cove for swimming.

High above the port, in the mountain ranges, the ancient town of Marciana is full of historical interest and home of the Museum of Antiquities, with archaeological finds from Etruscan times onwards.

The main town on Elba is also the ferry terminal, Portoferraio, where a 16th-century system of fortifications is still in evidence. This is also the place to see the Palazzina dei Mulini, where Napoleon held court during his ten months of exile.

He also had a sumptuous summer residence some four miles out of town, at San Martino, where there are elaborate frescoes in the "Egyptian" room. Despite getting many £1-a-head visitors, both residences are in a sad state of decay.

We aimed our visits to most local towns to coincide with their market days and found one of the best to be on Wednesdays in Marina di Campo, about ten minutes by bus from Seccheto. We found stalls selling not only local produce but also pottery, leather goods, second-hand linen, lace and silk, household items and old embroideries. Marina di Campo was a good source for take-away ready-cooked pasta and other local specialities, which re-heated successfully.

Seccheto has three self-service grocery stores and a modern butcher's shop, but we did little real cooking, preferring to take advantage of the very reasonably-priced meals in local restaurants. We had several good meals at the Pensione and also at the Seccheto Pizzeria; they worked out at about £5 per person with two courses and drinks.

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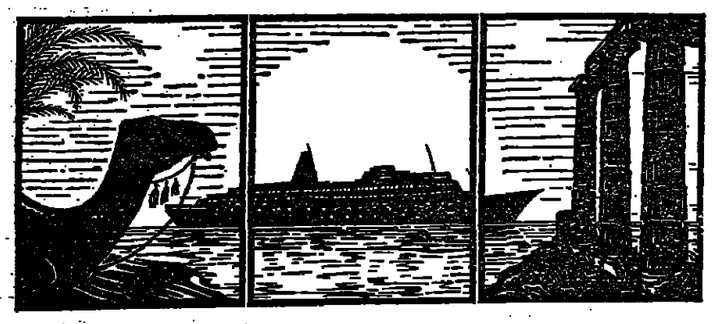

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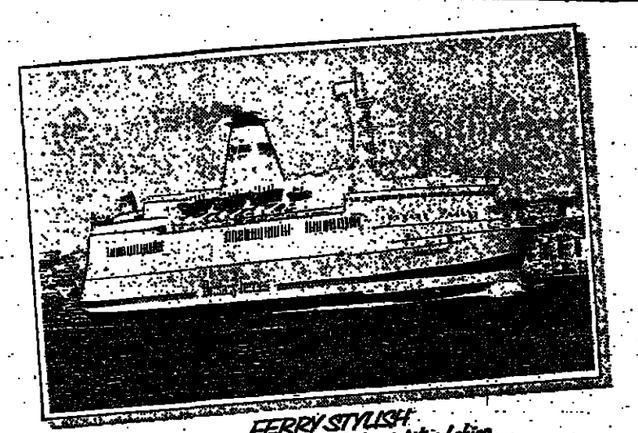

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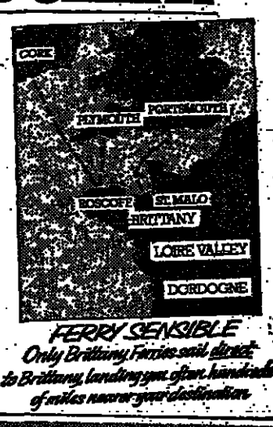

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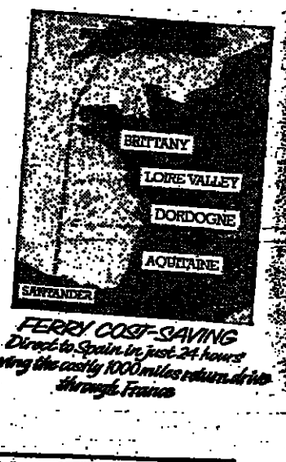

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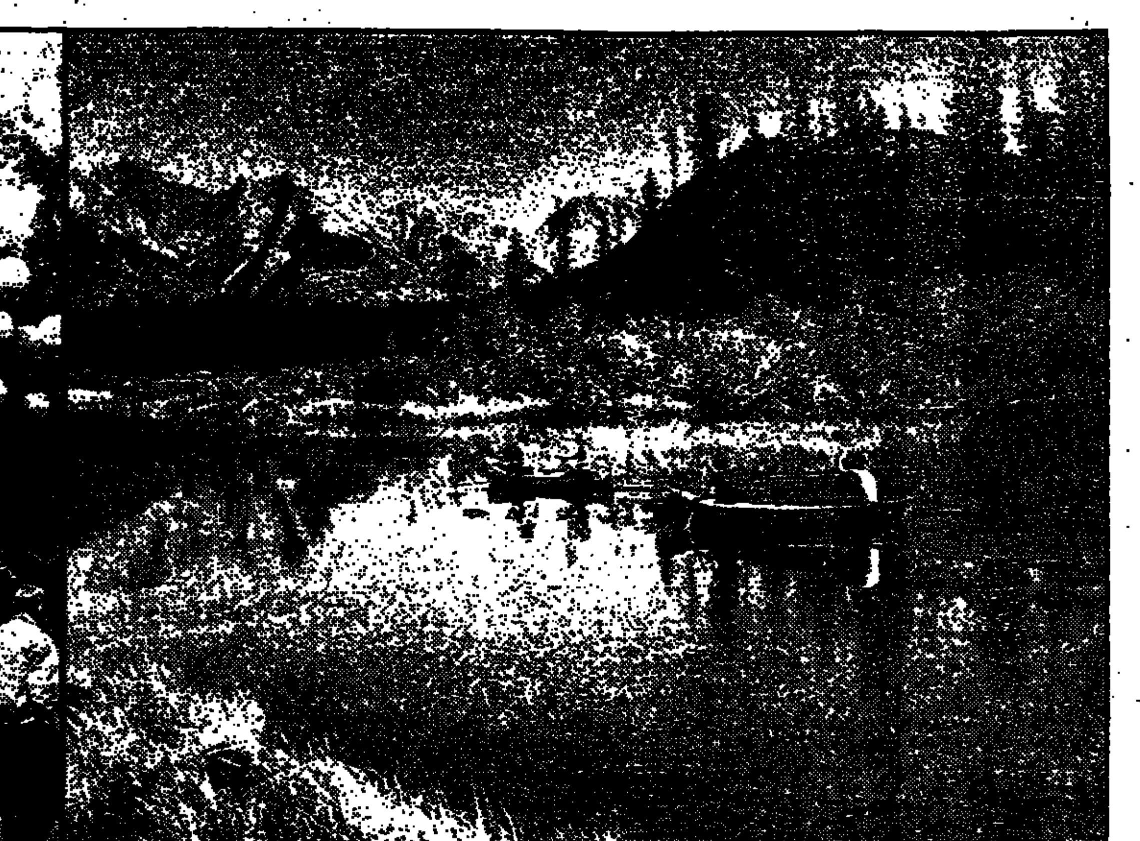

● Faces of Canada: below, a novel way to keep time, the steam-clock at Gastown, in Vancouver: below right, peace, pines and the quiet plash of paddles as canoeists glide through the open spaces of Vermilion Lake near Banff (pictures by DOUGLAS DICKINS).

Night train from Toronto . .

BY JOHN P. GUTCH

NOT a journey for the faint-hearted perhaps, but well worth the effort—and even some discomfort if the budget is limited. The VIA trans-Canadian Railway (now 100 years old) is a superb way of seeing something of that incredible country.

We boarded it at Toronto, a very modern station, with beautifully-clean marble halls and all facilities. The train was timed to leave at 23.59, though for a trip of three days and four nights, why not bill it for midnight?

We had decided to reserve "Section" accommodation. There are four types, the cheapest being a reclining seat in a large open coach for perhaps 30 people. The next is the "Section," which has wide seats and plenty of room.

At night the seats become the bottom bunk and a top bunk hinges down from the roof, reached by a steep little stepladder. A heavy curtain is hung in front on the corridor, but there is no room to stand within the curtain, so all dressing and undressing has to be done on the bunk.

The third kind of accommodation is a double cabin; the best and most expensive is a single with all facilities.

Our bunks were made up and the curtain drawn when we boarded, and the luggage stowed, so it was a job to get at everything we needed and prepare for bed. There are toilets at the end of the coach with two washbasins in each; towels and soap are provided.

Once you have mastered the undressing and stowage of your clothes you are well set for a good night, but the stewards like to take the curtain down and restore the seats by about 8 a.m., so you have to up and away in good time.

A full breakfast in the restaurant car costs about £2, or you can go to the snack bar for tea or coffee, muffins or cookies with butter and jam, for just under £1.

Three-course lunches can be bought in the restaurant or snacks from the take-away for a picnic in your "Section," and a very good three-course dinner (about £6, pre-bookable).

We had been lent a book describing the journey in great detail. Mileages were set down with things to look out for, some of them a little optimistically: "At Mile 78 note the owl nesting on top of telegraph pole."

On our first morning out from Toronto the train went by great lakes and forests with some superb scenery: huge stretches of water fringed by trees and small settlements, mostly isolated fishermen's shacks.

Day Two brought us to the prairies: vast open spaces with nothing much to see except silos and isolated farmsteads and a few small hills and woods.

At Winnipeg there was a three-hour stop and we joined the special trip round the town in an old London double-decker bus, and were taken for a snack lunch on board an old re-furbished river steamer.

The trip cost about £4·50, excluding lunch. A two-hour stop at Calgary gave us time for a visit to the tower on the Sears building for a grand all-round view.

The most exciting day was the third, after Calgary, winding through the Rockies with a short break at Banff.

Peaks reared up to 11,000ft, most still with snow and glaciers on their flanks. There were trees on the lower slopes; gorges with swift-running rivers; waterfalls and rapids.

The evening of Day Three saw us down on the flat again passing more lakes, where the salmon come to spawn. The train reaches its Vancouver terminus right on time at 7 a.m. and the long journey, during which watches are five times retarded by one hour, is finally over.

Doing the journey independently, as we did, would cost about £575 for two in a "Section," with reductions of about £62 each for anyone over 60. The train journey, with breaks en route, is also included in two-week Canadian package holidays by Marlboro Adventure Travel and Wardair, with flights both ways and hotels where appropriate, at prices from about £1,262. Explorers Travel Club of Maidenhead will do a budget trip next June, for about £800.

On the road, in B.C.

By Christine Fagg

LAST June I flew to Vancouver and in 10 days drove 1,400 miles through British Columbia, staying at camping grounds along the way.

My journey took me first up through the Fraser Valley and across the plains to Kamloops and Glacier National Park. From here, I reached the Rockies in a day, crossing into Alberta to see Banff National Park and returning to Vancouver down the Okanagan Valley.

On arrival at Vancouver airport, a courtesy bus took me to a pre-arranged hotel. Next morning the owner of Tahoe R.V. Rentals collected me and we drove to his depot on the eastern outskirts of the city to collect the camper, which was exceptionally well-furnished as well as carrying maps, comprehensive literature and campground handbooks. I was given a test drive, explanations on how the rig worked, and advised on routes, camping grounds, shopping and so on.

"Big Foot," the camper, was about 15ft long and could sleep two adults and two children. The kitchen unit with sink and two-burner cooker was adequate, though the latter lacked both grill and oven.

There was a roomy fridge, running hot and cold water and a thermostatically-controlled heater, a boon on cold nights. It also had a tiny compartment containing washbasin, shower and flush loo with holding tank. (Learning to "dump" this at campground sani-stations required practice.)

Setting off along the Trans-Canada Highway, I soon settled down and found the power steering and automatic transmission made for easy driving.

Traffic was light though I was not too keen on the truckers in their monster vehicles. Roads are well-surfaced with gentle gradients and the speed limit (maximum 55 m p h on most highways) was just right for driving a camper. Notices giving directions to camping grounds and other important places are large and clear.

Throughout the round trip, the scenery was spectacular and although the highlight was the Rockies, the 500-mile drive from Vancouver was also full of delights.

First, there was the climb up Fraser Valley beside its turbulent river, followed by tranquil panoramas of vast, glittering lakes and wooded hills around Kamloops and Salmon Arm.

Even more enjoyable was my return journey through the Okanagan Valley, which stretches from Vernon down to Penticton. It is a series of lakes and valleys bordered by mountains sheltering fruit farms, garden centres, vineyards and roadside stalls selling cheap produce.

Outside the peak season (July and August) there is no need to worry that camping grounds may be full. There is normally plenty of room and, anyway, rangers will always direct campers to other sites in the area, if necessary.

Buying food is no problem either, as most garages have adjacent mini-supermarkets open until all hours, with huge car parks. Prices are much the same as in Britain, although petrol is a lower £1·40 a gallon.

On my 1,400-mile trip the rig did roughly 14 miles to the gallon. Camping-ground fees ranged from £3 to £6 per unit a night, the most expensive providing electrical hook-ups and first-class washrooms with hot showers. Free sites, and those in the lower price range just had drinking water, a rubbish disposal point and "thunder box" loos.

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The return British Airways fare to Vancouver is from £414. Camper and motorhome hire is available through Caravan Abroad of Brockham, Surrey. My pick-up camper, for two weeks, costs from about £600 in summer, including living equipment for two, 1,400 kilometres travel, collision damage waiver insurance and 7 per cent. British Columbia tax.

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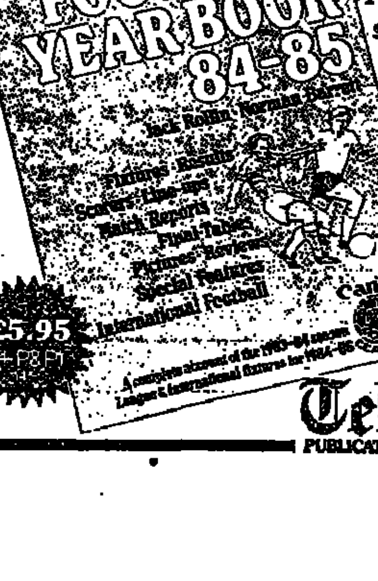

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● Open spaces, friendly neighbours, in the Outback of New South Wales in Australia: below, rock extravaganza of the region and, below right, the locals get together in an Outback town to cool an evening thirst. Bottom: a peaceful avenue in the sun, Church Lane, Ledbury (pictures by PETER BAKER).

Taking the wild outlaw trail into the Outback

BY TRICIA HAYNES

EVER since Ned Kelly, Australia's most notorious outlaw, rode the high country which forms the borderlands of Victoria and New South Wales, adventure seekers have ridden in his footsteps and those of the old stockmen and bushrangers.

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Qantas fares to Melbourne from May (the low period) are from £770 return. Sydney or Melbourne to Albury with East-West Airlines is from about £100 return and you can arrange to be met.

Average motel prices in places mentioned: £20 to £30 a night double. More details from the Austrian Tourist Commission, 20 Savile Row, London W1X 1AE.

Riding the range—in Malvern

By Susan Lester

"WESTERN" riding conjures up visions of rodeos, cowboys and ranches, and quite rightly. What is less well known is that it is also a style of riding with its own language, commands and standards as well as special breeds of horses.

Should you be planning a holiday in the United States and want to ride there, the chances are you will meet "Western" at first-hand. If you are used to riding British-style, Western is at first confusing: "walk on" means the same, but "trot on" becomes "jog on" and "lope on" means "canter."

That is just a sample. To be more fully prepared, especially for body language, what is more sensible than to practise in Britain? Unfortunately, and oddly, considering how pleasant Western is, there are few opportunities. One is at the Avenue Riding Centre, near the Three Counties Showground in Malvern, Worcestershire, where Bob Mayhew, who is mad on Western, instructs, while wife Sheila runs the British-style riding.

They have a limited amount of accommodation and a good tack shop selling, among other things, traditional riding outfits, Western boots, stetsons and the big saddle — which last almost gives the feeling of being in an armchair and which makes falling off quite difficult.

Western boots are much more comfortable than ours, but good fitting is vital, particularly on the instep and the ball of the foot, which must rest on the widest part of the last. Riding costs and arrangements are flexible, according to individual needs. Half-board at The Avenue and at least two hours a day in the saddle, whether in the ring for a lesson or out riding, costs £20 daily or £130 weekly. A week's programme includes at least one day with five hours in the saddle, save for a lunch break at a hostelry where there are tethering arrangements and grazing for the horses. Western and European lessons and rides cost the same. Visitors who do not stay at The Avenue pay £4 per half-hour for lessons, £9 for a two-hour ride.

Many riders use the Abbey Hotel in Malvern centre, right by the Priory (double room with breakfast, £52 a night; dinners £7·50 a head). Malvern is [illegible], if a bit staid, and an alternative is Ross-on-Wye, an excellent market town and beauty spot with a fine tack shop almost opposite The Chase Hotel (£30 half-board per person a night if you're staying a week). Either resort is grand for shopping, public transport and long walks.

Or it can be fun to stay privately: Private List Accommodation's brochure, available from Castle Mill, Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, has two excellent places near Malvern. One is Grove House at Bromsberrow Heath, near Ledbury, which has log fires, lovely china, superb cooking and horses (half-board £14·50 per head); the other is Upper Court at Kemerton near Tewkesbury, with everything antique and for sale and they too have horses and a boating lake (bed-and-breakfast £25 a head). But P L A's smaller places can be as little as £8·50 nightly, bed-and-breakfast.

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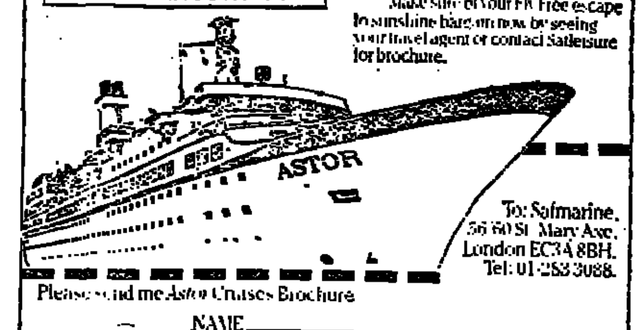

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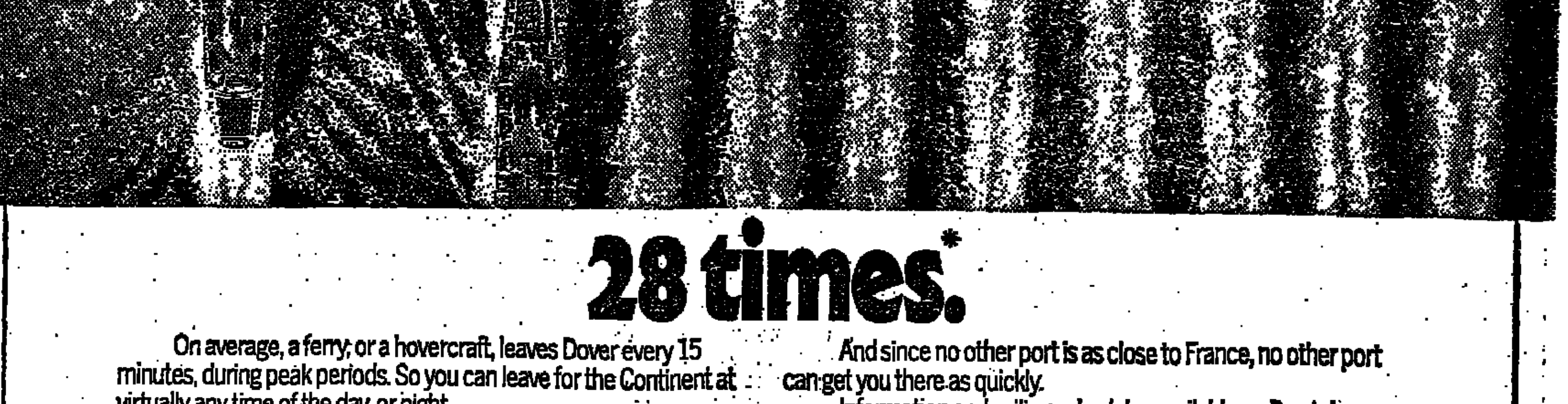

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THURSDAY'S CENSURE DEBATE was not all loss, least of all for the Opposition. That it failed to prove its charge of grave mismanagement of the nation's economy against the Prime Minister and Mr LAWSON is of secondary importance, though the failure, especially in Mr KINNOCK'S case, was comprehensive. The value of the debate lay in the requirement it placed on the Labour party to eschew rhetoric and to talk to the House, if it could, with the dignity and conviction of an alternative Government. This is a discipline which Labour has almost forgotten. So among its leading spokesmen, Mr HEALEY, Mr SMITH, Mr SHORE and Mr HATTERSLEY seem alone in suggesting, readily, that they know what it feels like to have to choose among limited policy options, and to operate in a real world in which the markets pass daily judgment on economic policies.

Mr KINNOCK'S stewardship of his party has been marked, in contrast, by different qualities. Most of all he exudes an exhilarating sense of natural justice and awareness of the evils of poverty which translates, daily, into an eager support for such wage claims, strikes and spending possibilities as rear their heads. He stands opposed to every cut except in nuclear defence. It is magnificent, it is quixotic and it is unworldly. It is no doubt the happiest way to anaesthetise the pains of long-term opposition. With every day, however, it bears less relation to the real world of short resources and permanent injustices in which we live, and Labour's dreaming achieves little except to plunge us into an era of unlimited government. So long as that lasts, there cannot be too many censure debates to force Mr KINNOCK back into the business of sober judgment and analysis.

The debate also saw the Prime Minister and the Chancellor shake off a seeming recent lethargy. Life against Labour for them has become too easy. The Chancellor also shook off the indolence of which he stands accused in dealing with the concerns of the markets. Those who view him from afar—and Mr LAWSON may claim that he is ignorantly misread—have doubted his recent rigidity on inflation. Some speeches raise a complacent air that inflation is a problem laid to rest. The Chancellor has been rudely reminded otherwise. His performance on Thursday was a public note that the fight against inflation remains his prior

FRISCHENSCHLAGER'S EMBRA

THE VALUE OF THE REDER EPISODE i[illegible]ustria is that is discourages clichés in the per[illegible]tion of that country. The Austrian coalition G[illegible]rnment, overwhelmingly Social Democratic, m[illegible]rate and decent is obliged, in order to keep a [illegible]jority over its reputable Conservative opponen[illegible] to grant Cabinet offices to the Freedom p[illegible]. This is a very doubtful organisation with a [illegible]mber of half-spoken pan-German sympathies [illegible]d a historical nostalgia which recently led to [illegible]e of its rising young leaders attending a ve[illegible]ens' rally of the Waffen SS. This same [illegible]ung man, Herr FRISCHENSCHLAGER, who was [illegible]ot born when the Waffen SS started going ab[illegible] their business, also took it upon himself as [illegible]inister for Defence to welcome another Austrian, Maj WALTER REDER, on his return from 36 yea[illegible] imprisonment for the murder of hundreds [illegible] Italian villagers. Maj. REDER is said to be re[illegible]entant. He has a great deal to repent. If Herr FRISCHENSCHLAGER'S attendance was a blunder it w[illegible] a very instructive blunder. The Freedom party get many of their votes from the old racialist Right and has been losing support in that constituency after opportunistically accepting office. When the displeasure has lapsed they will not be losers with their natural supporters.

Austria is not entirely given over to the "Sound of Music." Many British citizens in North London have precise recollections of the hysterical welcome given in 1938 to HITLER by the Viennese. Because Austria at that time was both a country of many races and one which had recently lost caste, the appeal of the Nazis was strong, and a full contribution was made to all the causes of the Third Reich. The decent men, moderate socialist and Conservative alike, who have governed Austria since the State Treaty of 1955, have a great deal to be proud of—a splendid economy combined with extensive social services. But a little of the old warm feeling for evil things lingers in certain places, less checked and censored than in West Germany. Chancellor SINOWATZ has survived a motion of censure but only by party discipline and the votes of Freedom party deputies, though one of his Ministers, Dr FERDINAND LACIZIA, has threatened to resign. It is simply not comprehensible how a Social Democratic Government could have formed a coalition with such a party in the first place.

Haunting question

By Bishop GEORGE APPLETON

WE human beings today are conscious of the changes in our awareness of the world in which we live, of the world within ourselves, of the need of new structures of relationship consequent on the new technologies, as well as the saddening awareness of the fall in ethical standards, the impulses to violence and the devaluation of human life. Many are conscious also of the "rat race" of modern life, feeling that we must join in it or opt out completely.

At the root of it all lie questions of identity: what is man, who am I, is my future short or long-term? So this next quarter, as the TELEGRAPH'S "Saturday canon in residence", I shall search for answers in the Bible and try to relate them to life today.

I am most aware of myself as a body, and my strongest instincts are directed to satisfying its needs and desires and protecting its existence. The body is an amazing organism — its systems of breathing, blood circulation, digestion, sewerage, sexual feeling and the penetration of the body and personality of another—and above all, the capacity to bring new beings into life. As the poet who wrote Psalm 139 says, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made and that my soul knows right well."

Others recognise us by our shape, our faces, the way we walk, the sound of our voices. We express ourselves through our bodies — the look in the eye, the lines of the face, the welcoming smile, the tone of the voice, the touch of the hand, the gestures, demeanour, all reveal the nature of the inhabitant that confronts us. They reveal what each really is. Sometimes we say of a new acquaintance, "I must really get to know him/her better."

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AS I STUDY THE BIBLE, I see that its writers really value the body. A line of Blake sums it up, "For all must love the human form". Yet the Biblical writers, saints, psychologists, and many ordinary people have the intuition that each of us is more than just the body.

Church services tomorrow—P10

COMMENTARY

Ferdinand Mount

AS A BOY, my father could ride his pony in two different directions. If he went east, he would ride through the woods of Aldermaston. If he turned to the west, he would trot towards the wilder heathland of Greenham Common. But now they have shut the way through the woods—and fenced it off with wire and concrete.

We are often reminded that we have been lucky or prudent enough to enjoy 40 years of peace. But many people are also uneasily aware that this peace has been bought at the expense of a militarisation of the countryside which was quite undreamed of, even in the 1930s. Since my own post-war childhood, the military have actually crept forward in places—over part of Salisbury Plain, for example — while retreating in others.

It is not merely the paid-up Green[illegible] or the Greenham Women who ca[illegible]ar. about this. In fact, their hi[illegible] profile hectoring has rather [illegible] merged the issue in a genera[illegible] against Western society. F[illegible] this point, most of us are [illegible] and always have been. [illegible]he

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[illegible]e same cynics are already predict- [illegible]ing that, by the late 1980s, pressure on public expenditure will force the Government to cancel the order, or, at the very least, that we shall be buying the cheaper (about £6 billion) C4 models from the Americans. I rather think I am a cynic myself.

But there are cheaper options still, as Matthew Symonds pointed out on this page earlier this week, and the cheapest would be a British force of land-based cruise missiles (£2½ billion).

Unfortunately, apart from the credibility factor (one suspects that the hawk-eyed Russians are already aware of the difficulties of deploying the American missiles at Greenham onto the Bath Road in the rush hour), there is the underlying antipathy to land-based cruise missiles, which lurks in the stoutest of hearts.

That antipathy was repressed out of loyalty to the alliance when it was going through a tricky phase. After all, it was we, or rather Helmut Schmidt, who had asked for the American missiles in the first place.

But, in Britain now, we are not responding to a hurriedly arranged test of European nerve. We have the leisure to choose a successor to Polaris which would not only be militarily effective but would also command the political support necessary to conduct a stable defence policy.

Would British cruise missiles on British soil ever be likely to enjoy that kind of support? Or would the Government be wiser to start thinking about placing them in submarines?

The Polaris submarines, after all, have been gliding quietly in and out of Holy Loch for a generation. During most of that time, C N D was in total eclipse—until the question of replacing Polaris came up, at roughly the same time as the cruise missile controversy. This can scarcely be a coincidence, and Mr Heseltine would do well to brood on it.

For he and his successors will have to reckon with a feeling, vague but widespread, that defence is about protecting not only the British people and their liberties but also their land and landscape—and that land-base missiles make them more, not less vulnerable.

Not a wholly rational sentiment perhaps. But it is there, and I don't think it will go away.

"HON. D C L Oxon (failed)" is a rare distinction. There could be no greater tribute to Mrs Thatcher's unfailing ability to upset the Establishment, in every sense of the word.

Edward Gibbon, who failed to take a degree at Oxford and who wrote in his "Memoirs" of his time at Magdalen as "the most idle and unprofitable of my whole life," would have pounced on this splendid demonstration of the university's continuing ability "to unite the opposite extremes of bigotry and indifference."

Oxford dons will honour frauds, demagogues and even tyrants. But woe betide anyone who threatens either their tenure or their emoluments. One wonders how much has really changed in the two centuries since Gibbon wrote:

"Dr Adam Smith assigns as the cause of their indolence that, instead of being paid by voluntary contributions which would urge them to increase the number, and to deserve the gratitude of their pupils, the Oxford professors are secure in the enjoyment of a fixed stipend, without the necessity of labour or the apprehension of control."

HAPPY (well nearly) FAMILIES, 1985 — III

The 'co[illegible]g,' costly, Loonies

RICHARD WE[illegible]

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ROZ [illegible]nee Rosalind de L[illegible]t Senior Leisure [illegible]ne of the boroughs, Offic[illegible] a Workshop on "c[illegible]ld Alcoholism, direc- W[illegible] Study Group on Sexual [illegible]ent under the auspices [illegible]Whitehall department, and [illegible]mber of a G L C-funded [illegible]s Inquiry on Child Abuse. [illegible] income totals £28,000 a [illegible]ar.

Since none of these jobs entails any real work, or indeed has a *raison d'être*, Roz has plenty of time to look through the situations vacant advertisements in journals written and read by what may be called the Loony class. There seems to be a never-failing offer of such jobs, financed at the tax- and ratepayers' expense.

Recently they have included one at £14,000 a year to direct a "Teenage Project — an Intermediate Treatment programme set up in 1975 by N A C R O, to cater for 'heavy end' juvenile offenders."

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OBSERVERS of the Loony class have noted that already in countries like Sweden employees in the bureaucracy and the social services exceed in numbers and earnings those who provide goods or services that can be sold on the market. In Britain, the Heath-Walker reforms of local government in the '60s created whole new tiers of bureaucracy, much of it staffed by graduates of the then fashionable sociology. Ambitious young people saw that bureaucracy, once a lowly job, now offered more chance of money and power than the old professions like law and medicine.

It is a profession with perks, which Roz Luny exploits to the full. Her son by a second marriage, Mark, is getting a full G L C grant to attend one of the former grammar schools that now has the status and standards of a fee-paying school. She gets this on the grounds of being a single parent.

Roz lives in a fine Regency flat that was done up at great expense by the local council, and let to her at an uneconomic rent. Her neighbours include a pair of male homosexual architects, employed by the council, a heterosexual couple of unemployed playgroup teachers and a Left-wing Australian journalist who works for the council's free newspaper.

Across the road from Roz's comfortable home are the salmon-pink pre-fab flats housing the people who used to live in the fine Victorian terraces nearby that were demolished during "improvements" 10 years earlier.

The flats leak. The heating is erratic. The sound of voices and T Vs and stereos carry from flat to flat. However, Roz feels little sympathy for what she calls these "lumpen proles" as they are most intolerant of the blacks in the neighbourhood, and once got up a protest against the employment of a convicted child molester at a local primary school.

Although she sports a "Coal Not Dole" badge, Roz has little sympathy with the old-fashioned British workers, whom she regards as male chauvinists and racialists. Her hero is Ken Livingstone, the G L C leader (who does not like Arthur Scargill). In a dim way, Roz understands that the Loonies of the bureaucracy have opposing interests to the workers of Britain's old industries: both groups want the major share of the taxpayer's money.

Roz talks of her work as "caring" and "compassionate" but little of either is shown to the derelicts and meths drinkers who are to be found in greater numbers than when Dickens described this part of London. The charities which used to help such people have almost all been suppressed by the unions in the "caring" professions.

The objects of Roz's "caring" are principally the young whom, like the Jesuits, she would like to train from infancy into her own preferred model. She is active in the movement to ban religious teaching in schools and to advance the teaching of ethnic languages such as Bengali, Gujerati and Creole, the street slang of Jamaica.

Roz grew up in India, where her father had been a senior civil servant and later adviser to an oil company, (a fact she keeps quiet about), and she still feels guilty at having been unkind to her *ayah*, although she has managed to transfer this guilt on to British imperialism.

She has tried hard to sympathise with the local West Indians, even to the extent of sharing their "joints," which make her feel sick. She once put up two black South African political refugees until she found out they were using her phone to make hour-long conversations to Johannesburg and New York. She disapproves of the Rastafarian girls because they refuse to abort their babies, and of most of the other West Indian girls because they go to church and refuse to realise that they are alienated.

In fact most of the ethnic groups resist coming under the patronage of people like Roz. The Asians are generally more like the Grafter family I wrote about last week and tend to vote Conservative. The Irish prefer their pubs to the Irish Centres planned for them by the Loonies.

Roz has had more success in fostering "consciousness" among women and homosexuals. However she is aware that as a young woman she rather enjoyed flirting with men; and indeed she is once more having a wild and romantic love affair — with the Australian next door. She would like to have him move in but has given the double bed to a pair of teenagers, friends of her daughter, who want an address away from home in order to claim supplementary benefit. Roz agreed to this as a demonstration of "solidarity against Thatcher."

Roz used to be fond of wine and cigarettes as well as men, but gave up the first two in deference to the modern puritans.

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THE Loony class is now more prosperous and more powerful than it has ever been but the prospect is not cheerful. The "Grafter" class — that new working class that believes in looking after Number One — is turning against the Loony class. Not only because Grafters dislike paying tax, and the Loonies are financed by tax, but because they despise the Loony "caring" philosophy and its obsession with feminism, race and sex.

There is not much sympathy either from the old-fashioned working class, like the Yarborough family I invented — the Yarboroughs whom both the Grafters and (more discreetly) the Loonies think of as the Yobbos.

The same is happening in other countries. The recent election in the United States was a body blow to American Loonies.

In France the Loony Socialists in the Government are increasingly under attack not just from the Grafters but from the Yobbos, the French proletariat, now split between the Communists and the National Front but joined in dislike of all Roz's beliefs.

Will it be long before we in Britain see combat between the armies of Mr Scargill's Yobbos and Mr Livingstone's Loonies?

On Monday the series ends with the most fashionable of Britain's new classes, the "Young Fogeys".

Here is the news . . .

Euro-slanted

CONSERVATIVE Euro M Ps are planning to complain to the B B C that its news programmes have been duped by the Labour party's Strasbourg press office. Improbable but diverting stories have recently been appearing on the B B C and in the popular press highlighting the E E C's supposed encroachment on British laws and customs.

Among the more entertaining suggestions have been that we will drive on the right, scrap our anti-rabies laws, end cruelty to oysters, change to European summertime and tattoo dogs as part of a new licensing system.

It was also claimed that we must change the name of Waterloo station. In fact a hapless French M E P had merely described the difficulty of writing a standard European history as the British and the French have different names for the battle.

Now even the European Parliament has smelled the rat. Left-wing M E Ps are being blamed for abusing the Press facilities and an official inquiry is promised.

Promising sign

THE PROMOTERS of the Local Government (Access of Information) Bill, which had an unopposed second reading in the Commons yesterday have been reminded that it was on almost identical legislation that Mrs Thatcher first made her name 25 years ago next week.

After a fine maiden speech on behalf of her own Bill, which gave the public the right of admission to council meetings, Mrs Thatcher, then aged 33, won praise from all sides. Wise commentators even predicted that she would go far . . .

Favourite son

THE APPOINTMENT yesterday of Robin Harris to the post of director of the Conservative Research Department is expected to be a long term and influential position.

The Conservative hierarchy has long been concerned that any new research chief should have an extended run. This time it is understood that as the man responsible for all-important election briefings, policy formation and banana-skin avoidance Harris has promised that he will not desert his post to stand for a safe seat.

Some other candidates could not assure party leaders that they would give up their political ambitions for the good of the cause at election time.

Mammoth task

THE CHOKING traffic along the Cromwell Road, Knightsbridge, last night was hardly alleviated by the sudden appearance on a low-loader of three stuffed elephants issuing from the gates of the Natural History Museum.

I am told that the elephants, the largest of which was an African weighing more than a ton, were on their way to a permanent exhibition in the museum's whale hall — a road journey made necessary because the creatures would not pass through the museum's own doorways.

Thanks to the area's peculiar traffic system the three elephants had quite a trip up Exhibition Road and round by the Albert Hall into the museum's back door and their new home.

A court-room battle over allegations that the health of railway workers has been damaged by exposure to asbestos has been moved from the Federal District court in Huntington, West Virginia, to nearby Wyne. The reason? The court in Huntington is being cleared of asbestos.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

Unwholesome company

A READER, whose Ph.D. was awarded by Edinburgh University suggests that Mrs Thatcher may well be better off without her honorary doctorate from Oxford, seeing the company she would be keeping with other honorary awards.

In particular he points to his own *alma mater* awarding Robert Mugabe an honorary doctorate recently. As he says, if senior academics see fit to award the honour to an ex-terrorist, Marxist believer in the one-party state, the Prime Minister is undoubtedly better off without one.

Pennies from heaven

THE SPACE SHUTTLE "Discovery" team which successfully retrieved two lost satellites last November is coming to London next Thursday to be thanked by Lloyds of London for its extra-terrestrial salvage work.

The five astronauts, including Anna Fisher, the first American woman in space, will be presented with the Lloyds Silver Medal at the Royal Aeronautical Society. Grateful underwriters who paid out millions of dollars to Indonesia and Western Union in compensation are now recouping some of their losses by selling the satellites.

It is only the fifth time since the war that the Silver Medal has been awarded and the first time it has been given for salvage operations other than those based at sea.

Railroaded

A GEORGE CROSS which comes up for auction at Sotheby's later this month, carries with it a story which reads like a John Buchan adventure.

The award was made to a Pentonville prison officer, John Stoves, who captured a convict on the footplate of an express train on June 12, 1928, after the prisoner locked himself in the lavatory and escaped through a smashed window.

Stoves edged along the footplate and, at 70 miles an hour, held the prisoner with one hand for 18 miles only to be bitten by the desperate man who flung himself to the ground as the train slowed down. But all to no avail, as he was speedily recaptured.

"We had to shoot down Casper Weinberger"

Thanks, Minister

IT SEEMS that even ministers can sometimes take a direct hand in the fortunes of those they serve.

A Midlands colleague tells me that, seeking to renew her road tax and having forgotten which documents she needed to do it, she rang the Department of Transport.

Her dismay and surprise could hardly have been greater when she was answered by the junior minister himself, David Mitchell, on to whose special extension her call was switched. She tells me that Mitchell, after a brief consultation, answered her inquiry with punctilious accuracy.

Inverted snobbery

STORIES OF exhibition organisers hanging abstract paintings upside down are legion and always worth recounting.

The latest example comes from the catalogue of the British Art Show, an Arts Council touring exhibition which opened recently in Edinburgh in which the photographs of two such paintings have flummoxed the printers and been printed the wrong way up.

But for once the organisers have got it right. The paintings themselves, I am assured, are hanging correctly as far as anyone can tell.

Opiate of the people

A BURY St Edmunds clergyman tells me that the proliferation of medical programmes on television could be causing his young pupils some confusion. "What is an atheist?" he asked a class of 12-year-olds. "He's someone who puts you to sleep before an operation," came the crisp reply.

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS

Heseltine and the shipyard

From Mr FRANK FIELD, M P (Lab.) and Mr BARRY PORTER, M P (Con.)

SIR—Your leader (Jan. 30) on Cammell Laird is wrong. Lairds was allowed to bid for only one of the Type 22 orders which obviously inflated its tender price.

The only coherent reason for this restriction—when the other yards were allowed to bid by British Shipbuilders for two frigates—was that a Cammell Laird success on both fronts would result in massive redundancies for the other yards while Lairds began recruiting additional workers.

You also seem ignorant about what has been going on in Lairds. At two mass meetings the workers rejected industrial action. If need be, the overwhelming majority said, they were prepared to lose their own jobs provided this did not lead to the closing of the yard.

Despite these conditions industrial action was taken by 57 stagers and, had this dispute continued, Monday's defence announcement would have resulted in Laird's closure. This did not happen because 1,800 men and women went back to work and were determined that their yard should not be destroyed.

Your leader also illustrated what is wrong in current attempts to control public expenditure. Much of the debate centres on each department's budget. Mr Heseltine's decision takes into account the impact on the budget of other departments (particularly the Department of Health and Social Services) as well as the wider economic and political consequences of a major closure on Merseyside.

There have been problems in Lairds, but the yard now looks forward to a future, and wants to stress its success rather than, like you, endlessly wallowing in failure.

Recently, one Type 42 frigate was delivered a year early and the yard's current order will also be going out early on its sea trials. Can you not see the basis for success even when it stares you straight in the face?

FRANK FIELD
BARRY PORTER
House of Commons.

Below the throne

From The Countess of MAR

SIR—Peterborough (Jan. 24) correctly states that the reason male heirs have the right to sit on the steps of the throne in the House of Lords is to give them useful experience.

This rule has been maintained until recently, despite the fact that women who hold peerages in their own right have been able to take their seats in the chamber since 1958.

There are a few peerages which can pass through the female line, and as the

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holder of one who also has a female heir I felt that it was reasonable that the privileges accorded to elder sons should also be extended to elder daughters when they were heirs.

I therefore asked the House of Lords Procedure Committee to consider the matter. This they duly did, and they have now extended the right to daughters, and grandsons and granddaughters who are heirs to peerages.

Without wishing to take any of the limelight from the Earl of Stockton, may I point out that as Lord Stockton has a grandson who is his heir, there was no race to the steps.

MAR
House of Lords.

Hail, New Caledonia

SIR—Well over 50 years ago, I was trying to find New Caledonia on the map to find out where my father was. My father, then chief engineer on a British tramp steamer, was setting off to deliver a cargo of coals from Newcastle to New Caledonia. There was then a shortage of work for "tramps" and probably whoever planned the voyage thought as I did that the destination was somewhere near Scotland.

On arriving at the island, it was found that there was no harbour large enough to accommodate a 20,000 ton vessel, which had therefore to be anchored some distance from the shore.

There were no modern facilities for unloading the cargo, which had to be carried in baskets (by women!) who had to be rowed to and from the ship in small boats. Not surprisingly, the unloading took a good six weeks, but while this was going on, the officers of the ship were provided with horses and allowed to hunt for deer.

My father came home eventually with the antlers of a deer which he claimed to have shot, and this for many years was our treasured souvenir from New Caledonia, but what, one wonders, happened to the coal?

(Mrs) MURIEL HUTSON
South Croydon, Surrey.

Cameron of Balhousie

SIR—I am sure that many friends of the late Lord Cameron of Balhousie will be grateful for the obituary which you published, but mention should be made of three further facts.

He was created and installed as a Knight of the Thistle in 1983; he was a distinguished and vigorous Chairman of the Trustees of the Royal Air Force Museums; and he was a dedicated Christian whose absolute faith sustained him to the last.

JOHN TANNER
Director,
Royal Air Force Museum,
London, N.W.9.

Redhead on the air

SIR—I occasionally presented the "Today" programme, on what is now Radio 4, in the days of political balance.

On Jan. 29 I heard the presenter Mr Brian Redhead refer to the British people yet again as "Brits."

Only eight minutes later the Director-General of the B B C was on the air trying to justify a licence fee of £65 in a 'phone-in contrivance!

Is this dripping fat Socialist Solatium to be the licence fee for the *Brit* Broadcasting Corporation?

DAVID N. F. BROWN
London, W.11.

Count of prime ministers

SIR—There is a curious statement in your leader (Jan. 31): "Accordingly, it has produced fewer prime ministers."

It is not clear whether "it" refers to Oxford or Cambridge. And when do you start counting—with Walpole?

HENRY G. BUTTON
Cambridge.

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Sisters spurned as £10m estate is left to the servants

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

A £10 MILLION fortune, left by a bachelor recluse to two faithful servants, is to be contested by his three elderly sisters.

Mr Thomas Burn, who died three weeks ago, aged 77, has left his elegant Elizabethan manor house near Evesham, Worcs, to his gardener and his estate manageress.

His sisters have been left nothing from the family fortune, built up by their father who supplied Service uniforms during the 1914-18 war.

Rous Lench Court, 55 acres of parkland and an antiques collection has been left to Mr James Newman, 65, who first worked for Mr Burn as a gardener, and Mrs Monica Houghton, 59, the bachelor's estate manageress.

The three sisters, Mrs Billah Curnock, 69, who lives in Rous Lench, Mrs Sweena Ward, 75, of Chepstow, and Mrs Joan McLean, 67, of Edinburgh, have consulted solicitors about contesting the will.

But it is thought that the high legal costs entailed could lead to a compromise, without recourse to the High Court.

Mrs McLean said she and her sisters did not have enough money to find the thousands of pounds needed for legal fees, but were "too comfortable" to qualify for legal aid.

She said: "We are looking for financial help to fight this cruel and unfair will, and if anybody has any ideas we should like to hear them. It is unbelievable that everything is being left to complete outsiders."

'Marvellous one'

Mrs McLean said the court and antiques were given to Mr Burn by his parents, together with a Rolls-Royce as a 21st birthday present.

Mrs McLean added: "Altogether the estate is worth £10 million. We would have expected this because Dad was a Dickensian and believed that we were only daughters and no good and that Tom was the marvellous one.

"We girls got nothing when Dad died in 1946, and it was the same story when mother died 12 years ago. Tom had everything and we did not even receive Mum's jewellery.

"Tom thought about nothing but his antiques and poodles, and the dogs meant far more to him than we did. At mother's funeral even our wreaths were put on one side, while those from Tom and the poodle were placed on the coffin.

"There were three ministers at Tom's funeral and I reckon he needed all three of them to get past St Peter. I feel like digging him, Mum and Dad out of their graves and calling them a thing or two.

"It is not that we want millions of pounds to ourselves, but it would be nice to think that our children and grandchildren could have a share of the family money."

Mr Newman, who worked for Mr Burns for 25 years, said he was a "first-class gentleman." Mrs Houghton, a widow, said: "He was the kindest man I have ever met."

MAJOR'S ESTATE

By Our Estates Correspondent

Major Peter Malise Borwick, of Haselbech House, Haselbech, Northants, joint master of the Pytchley from 1949 to 1963 and again from 1966 to 1968, left estate valued at £459,461 net (£464,061 gross) in his will published yesterday.

Housemaster's £477,000

Mr Charles Arthur Lillingstone, of Hornblotton House, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, former housemaster at Harrow and Millfield, formerly senior history master at St Paul's School, who died last October aged 77, left estate valued at £477,107 net (£486,748 gross).

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MARINES IN ARCTIC RESCUE

ROYAL Marines braved an Arctic blizzard early yesterday to rescue a couple of their nine-month-old baby, who was on the verge of death.

They forced their way across northern Norway through the night in two snow vehicles to bring the family to safety after six hours trapped in their car behind 9ft snowdrifts.

Police in Narvik asked the men of 45 Commando at their Elvergardsmoen base for help because the police had no vehicles suitable for a journey in the blizzard.

The family had failed to appear at a Norwegian border post after checking through a Swedish frontier base earlier in the night.

Car buried

In that part of the Arctic, border posts can be several miles apart and the guards keep a check to ensure vehicles have passed through both sides safely.

The Marines led by Lieut Gerry O'Brien-Gore found that the family's car had broken down, then run out of fuel and was rapidly being buried by the snow.

"The temperature would be between minus 10 and minus 20C during the night," said a Royal Marines spokesman.

"The family had no heating an dthe Marines estimated the child had only about an hour's life left in it because it was so cold."

Family's 12-day ordeal in liferaft

A BRITISH family of five has been rescued after drifting for 12 days in the Atlantic on a liferaft.

The family, whose yacht "Misty Blue" sank after striking an unidentified underwater object, were picked up by a Norwegian ship, "Havprins," 66,000 tons, on Thursday.

Peter Tate, 36, his wife, Frances, 35, and their three daughters, Michelle, 12, Chanteal, 11, and Danielle, 10, are believed to come from Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

New York coastguards said the family were all well and had suffered no ill-effects during their ordeal. They had drifted some 400 miles before being rescued 470 miles off the Guyanan coast.

The family, who left Britain in August, 1982, were on their way from Tenerife in the Canary Islands to Grenada in the West Indies.

SEX DISEASE VACCINE DEVELOPED

By Our New York Staff

A vaccine that could prevent gonorrhoea, the most communicable of venereal diseases, has been developed at Stanford University School of Medicine in California and will be tested on volunteers within the next year.

The vaccine is made from a cloned protein fragment that appears to produce an immune barrier against a broad range of gonorrhoea-causing bacteria. It will first be tested for safety on healthy volunteers. Clinical trials will follow in which volunteers are vaccinated and then exposed to gonococcal bacteria.

Gonorrhoea can be treated with antibiotics, but in some parts of the world strains of the bacteria have developed resistance against the drugs.

BUZZ OFF, NUN TELLS POLICE IN BEES ROW

Sister Irene, a Greek Orthodox nun from Ginuta, a suburb of Nairobi, was arrested yesterday and charged with smuggling 1,000 bees and hive into Kenya.

Police said she concealed the bees under her habit when she passed through Customs on Dec. 21 after a trip to Greece. She did not have a permit to import them, and told police yesterday to buzz off.

Sister Irene's caper was only uncovered this week when she took some of her European bees to the Ministry of Agriculture so they could be compared and rated with local varieties. She said she had imported them to make candles for the church.—U.P.I.

£3·5m NEEDED TO SAVE 500 HARBOUR JOBS

A total of 500 jobs could disappear unless £3,500,000 was spent to repair Southwold Harbour, Suffolk, parts of which date from 1908, the Town Council has been told.

It received an engineering consultant's report from Waveney District Council, which said some sections could collapse at any time.

The district council is calling for an urgent meeting with Mr James Prior, Tory MP for Norfolk, Mr John Gummer, Tory MP for Suffolk Coastal, and Mr Amedee Turner, the local Euro-MP, to obtain Government aid.

JAVA PALACE FIRE

A fire ravaged the 17th century palace at Solo, one of Indonesia's best-known Javanese palaces, early yesterday, destroying rare art treasures and leaving the main pavilion a charred ruin.—Reuter.

Senator Edward Kennedy and Mrs Jacqueline Onassis attending the funeral of Lord Harlech in Llanfihangel-y-Traethau, Gwynned, yesterday.

Kennedy clan join mourners for Lord Harlech

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, Mrs Jackie Onassis, British politicians and entertainment personalities were among about 200 mourners at the funeral of Lord Harlech yesterday.

The former diplomat and chairman of Harlech Television was interred by a stone wall, beside the grave of an odd-job man, at the tiny 12th-century church at Llanfihangel-y-Traethau, North Wales.

Only 90 of the congregation could be accommodated in the church, built on a hillside overlooking Lord Harlech's country house near the village of Talsarnau, a few miles from Harlech.

The service was relayed to the churchyard for the benefit of the remaining mourners, who stood outside amid a sea of colourful floral tributes.

A close friend of the late President John F. Kennedy, Lord Harlech was described as "a citizen of the world, equally at home in the fertile beauty of Shropshire, the sophistication of London, or the special jungle of international diplomacy.

Heavily veiled

"But this corner of Wales is his home, and it is here he has chosen to be buried," said the Rev. Robert Hughes, from Birmingham, a friend of Lord Harlech, who gave the address.

Lord Harlech's widow, Pamela, 48, his second wife, was heavily veiled, and Mrs Onassis also appeared close to tears as she made the sign of the cross by the graveside.

Other mourners included Lord Gowrie, representing the Government, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Mr Roy Jenkins and his wife, Lord and Lady Anglesey, and Sir Geraint Evans, the recently-retired opera singer.

As Mr David Ormsby Gore, the 66-year-old peer was Conservative MP for Oswestry from 1950-61, later becoming British Ambassador in Washington, supporting and advising his friend the American president during the Cuban missile crissis.

In a statement outside the church yesterday, Senator Kennedy said Lord Harlech was "almost a member of our family. The heart of the bond between Jack and David was their shared sense of history and their sheer joy in politics.

"Jack called him the most intelligent man he had ever known. I suspect that relations between our two countries were never closer than when these two close friends were together in those valiant years.

"Mother always said they were an odd couple: The Irish President and the Tory Diplomat. But she loved David like a son."

A wreath of yellow orchids and white cyclamen was inscribed: "With much, much love, the Kennedy family." Also accompanying the Senator was his sister, Mrs Jean Smith and his nephew, Mr Mark Shriver.

Lord Harlech, from 1965 until his death President of the British Boar dof Film Censors, was a patron of some of the earliest British pop music festivals, a fact underlined by wreaths from popular entertainers.

Friends of Lord Harlech recalled yesterday how Mr Johnny Hughes, a village character and od-job man, was traditionally the first guest to arrive at the peer's house for New Year celebrations, and to be handed a guinea.

Like Lord Harlech, who was buried next to him, Mr Hughes was killed in a road accident, almost 18 years ago.

£7,000 TAXI TIP MAY BE CLUE TO ROBBERY

A taxi driver, who was given a £7,000 tip after taking a man 140 miles from Skegness, Lincs, to Shaftesbury Avenue, London, was so suspicious he gave it to the police. They think it was part of a £36,600 robbery.

Detective Inspector Stuart Clifton, of Skegness police, said of the passenger yesterday: "He paid £3,000 for a car for himself and another for his lady friend at a secondhand car dealer's, and then abandoned his own car."

The money is believed to be part of the life savings of Mr Robert Hessey, a businessman, of Scarborough Road, Skegness, who has offered a £1,000 reward for information leading to the return of the cash.

Firms shun Oxford over Thatcher vote

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

OXFORD graduates may find job-hunting harder as a result of their dons' decision to refuse Mrs Thatcher an honorary degree.

Companies with long histories of recruiting at Oxford through the annual "milk round"—the visits from representatives of leading employers are said to be "furious" at the decision.

One don said yesterday that the Oxford University Appointments Committee which arranges placements for graduates, had been "inundated" with calls from companies enraged by the decision.

The committee is trying to appease the callers, he said, by reminding them that some dons spoke in favour of awarding Mrs Thatcher an honorary degree. The proposal was resoundingly defeated in Congregation: the dons' Parliament, on Tuesday.

"It is very posible," he said, "that Oxford graduates will have even more difficulty finding employment this year."

But the University's major benefactors yesterday brushed aside suggestions that the decision could affect funding of research projects or buildings.

The Wellcome Trust, which gave more than £1,600,000 for medical and medical history research last year, "doesn't consider the decision in the least bit important as far as funding is concerned," said Dr Peter Williams, the fund's director.

Dons protest

Marks and Spencer, one of the biggest donors to the Conservative party, has in the past given liberally to the university. A spokesman said yesterday that the company received more than 13,000 letters a year asking for money. "Each one is considered on its merits. I am certain that the dons' decision will have no effect on future funding," he said.

The appointments committee's experience matches that of Lord Blake, Provost of Queen's College, and a Thatcher-supporter, who said yesterday that he had received many letters expressing regret over the dons' vote.

The Hebdomadal Council, the University's "inner cabinet," may have been forced into proposing a degree for Mrs Thatcher because the absence of her name on the list of honorands was becoming more and more embarrassing every year, another don said yesterday.

There was no attempt to canvass opinion among dons when the decision was made in December, and by the time a protest signed by 275 dons appeared in the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE last month, the proposal was too well-known to be withdrawn.

But the council seems to have assumed that most dons would not support the protest led by Prof Peter Pulzer of All Souls and Dr Stephen Luke of Balliol.

Most right-wing, centre or simply uncommitted dons assumed that the council would take charge of steering the decision through.

VIRGIN MARY FILM BRINGS GAS PROTEST

Hymn-singing protesters disrupted the showing of a controversial new film on the Virgin Mary, in Lyons, France, by lobbing tear gas into the audience.

The cinema manager said he stopped a showing of Jean-Luc Godard's "Hail Mary," which portrays Mary as a basketball-playing teenager, after 15 youths and several adults released tear gas from canisters.

Slogans condemning "blasphemy and permissiveness" were daubed outside the cinema town before the attack on Thursday. The protesters have argued that images showing Mary naked with her taxi-driving boyfriend Joseph were deeply offensive.—Reuter.

WINTER CLIMB ON EVEREST ABANDONED

By Our Katmandu Correspondent

Eric Dossin, 31, from Saint-Mandé, Paris, has failed in his attempt to scale Mt Everest, 29,028ft, via the Lao-la Pass. He said yesterday in Nepal that he was thwarted by persistent high winds and blizzards.

M. Dossin pitched his fourth camp at 24,767ft, but decided to abandon the expedition after 70 days. He said to climb any further in those conditions meant "a suicide attempt."

AA 'DRIVE' TO CLOSE

By JOHN LANGLEY Motoring Correspondent

THE Automobile Association is to close its magazine DRIVE because of heavy losses and a falling circulation.

When it was launched free to members in 1967, DRIVE immediately became the world's highest circulation motoring magazine. It became the AA's official mouthpiece and was said to be fulfilling an important role in communicating with the membership.

But many of them said they didn't want it and would prefer a reduced subscription. In 1975, it was put on a commercial footing, selling as a monthly in newsagents.

With the ending of the free circulation to AA members, sales dropped to a maximum of about 100,000. The current sale is about 25,000, equivalent to about one for every 230 AA members, at a cover price of 95p. The AA's membership is over 5,750,000.

Pirate station closed in raid by Ministry

By ROBIN STRINGER TV and Radio Correspondent

RADIO JACKIE, a South-West London pirate station, was closed yesterday morning when it was raided by 20 Trade Department investigators and police.

Several van-loads of equipment, records, tapes and documents were take nfrom the rooms where the pop station operates, above a travel agent's in Central Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.

Officials also took away the station's transmitter sited in Abbots Road, Cheam.

One of th ebiggest and best-established of the pirate stations, Radio Jackie began broadcasting one day a week 15 years ago. For the past 2½ years it has been on the air round the clock on 227 metres medium wave.

More determined

Nine people found at the station yesterday were interviewed with a view to prosecution under the 1949 Wireless Telegraphy Act and if convicted could face fines of up to £2,000 and three months' jail.

But Radio Jackie vowed that it would be back on the air soon. "The way the Department of Trade went about their job has made us all the more determined to broadcast again," Mr Peter Rivers, station co-ordinator, said yesterday.

"They kicked doors down without asking us to open them and did not produce a search warrant when we first asked them to show us their authorisation."

Some 25 people were working at the station last night trying to get it back on the air.

IBA pleased

Mr John Witner, director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, said yesterday: "The closure of this illegal station is a welcome sign of the determination of the Department of Trade to act resolutely against pirate broadcasters."

Radio Jackie has been raided repeatedly between 1972 and 1983. In December last year the then owner, Mr Anthony Collis, gave an undertaking that he would sever his connection with the station following an action brought by Sir Michael Havers, Attorney-General, in conjunction with a legitimate sttion, Radio Mercury based in Crawley, Surrey.

'ENGLISH TREES ONLY' IN LAKES

By JOHN DUNSFORD

A PENSIONER won a court battle yesterday for English trees such as conifers, not foreign ones, to be planted around Thirlmere reservoir in the Lake District.

Mrs SUSAN JOHNSON, 67, of Barrow Cottage, Ravenglass, took out a private summons under the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Act of 1879 against the NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY.

It inherited 190,000 acres planted with conifers from Manchester City Council when it flooded the Wythburn valley a century ago to safeguard the city's water supply.

Landscape ruined

But under the Act there was a clause which laid down that all the margins of the new lake would be planted with trees indigenous to the Lake District, such as birches, oaks, crab tree, ash, elder and yew.

Mrs Johnson viewed the acres of conifers with disgust over the years and decided that the landscape had been ruined.

Knowing of the clause she decided to take the authority to court at Keswick to complain.

She won, but the magistrates refrained from imposing an order for the 190,000 acres of conifers to be felled.

Mr Samuel Hicks, chairman of the bench, said it was noted that the authority had plans to "improve" the landscape in the area, softening the forest edges around the lake and alongside public roads and paths with more emphasis on broad-leafed trees and native shrubs.

'Great sympathy'

He hoped it would carry out its intentions as soon as possible and the bench had "a great deal of sympathy for Mrs Johnson's view of the landscape".

Mr ROY RITCHIE, a spokesman for the authority, said later that an appeal would be considered.

"We are surprised at the decision. We have always considered we were doing our best for conservation with all the constraints that are on us."

Earlier, the authority admitted that "everyone had forgotten about this clause of the act."

But Mrs Johnson, who is a daughter of the late founder and chairman of the Friends of the Lake District, said: "I am quite sure that anybody who has a genuine love of the Lake District will be glad to see it becoming gradually more natural around Thirlmere."

CELL HANGING

A man accused of raping an 18-year-old hitchhiker has been found hanged in his cell at Welford Road Prison, Leicester. Robert Merle Brereton, 39, of Malpas, Cheshire, was on remand after appearing before Oakham magistrates on Jan. 22.

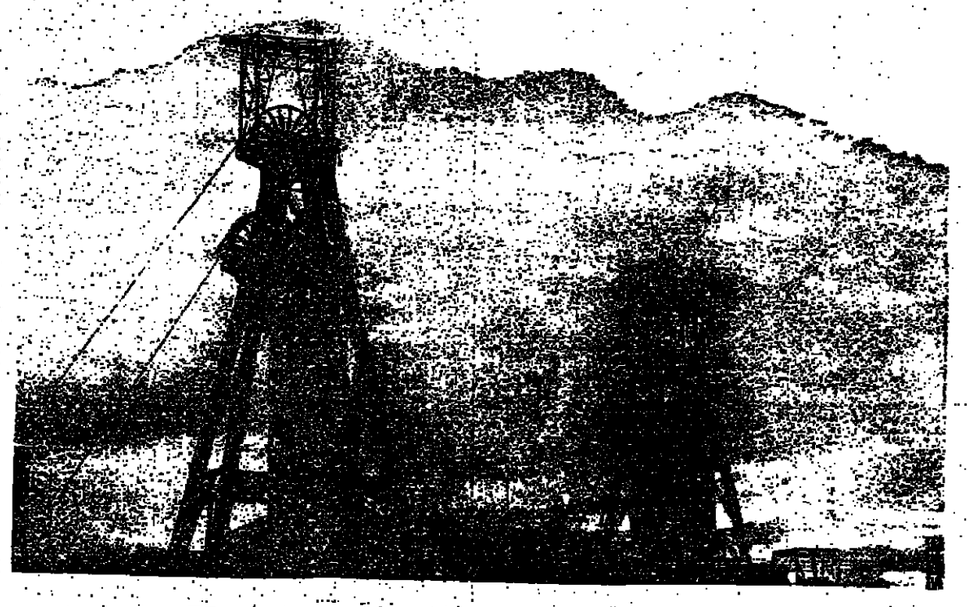
EDITOR NAMED

Mr David Montgomery, 36, assistant editor of THE NEWS OF THE WORLD for the past year, has been appointed editor. He succeeds Mr Nicholas Lloyd, who is moving to the United States to take up a senior appointment.

Secrets of the miners' strike

Why was it that the disastrous miners' strike began without a ballot of the NUM members? What exactly happened at the crucial meetings of the union's National Executive? What went on behind the scenes?

In the Sunday Telegraph tomorrow Roy Ottey, a member of the Executive until recently, tells for the first time the inside story of how the strike was planned. Ottey, who subsequently resigned in protest, was ideally placed to witness the intrigues and scheming that went on.



His revelations begin exclusively in the

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

35p with Telegraph Sunday Magazine.

Dull end to week

ACCOUNT: Jan. 28-Feb. 8.
PAY DAY: February 18.
BARGAINS TRANS.: 26,355.
RISES: 386. FALLS: 383.
UNCHANGED: 1,002.
EQUITY TURNOVER (Jan. 31): Number of bargains 21,[illegible] value £385·61 million. Shares traded: 179·2 m[illegible]

INDICES, February 1, 1985

	Index	Change	High 1985	Low
	977·5	− 8·6	1024·5	755·2
	79·67	− 0·22	83·77	75·72
	482·0	−12·4	711·7	439·5
	83·44	− 0·35	87·48	80·43
p.c.	4·42	+ 0·04	5·29	4·22
p.c.	11·05	+ 0·10	12·39	9·30
100:	1272·6	− 8·2	1305·7	986·7

BRITISH FUNDS

Short-dated (up to 5 years)

[illegible]

Medium-dated (five to fifteen)

[illegible]

Long-dated (over fifteen)

[illegible]

Undated

[illegible]

Index linked

[illegible]

COMMONWEALTH AND AFRICAN STOCKS

[illegible]

CORPORATION STOCKS

[illegible]

FOREIGN STOCKS

[illegible]

DOLLAR STOCKS

[illegible]

BANKS, DISCOUNT, H P

[illegible]

BREWERIES

[illegible]

BUILDING & ROADS

[illegible]

CHEMICALS & PLASTICS

[illegible]

CINEMAS & TV

[illegible]

DRAPERY & STORES

[illegible]

ELECTRICAL & RADIO

[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

[illegible]

FOOD & CATERING

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INDUSTRIALS

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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MINING

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MOTORS & AIRCRAFT

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OIL SHARES

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PAPERS & PUBLISHERS

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PLANTATIONS

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PROPERTY

[illegible]

SHIPPING

[illegible]

SHOES & LEATHER

[illegible]

TEXTILES

[illegible]

TOBACCOS

378	175	B A T Inds. ... 363	−15	3.5	b3.2
98	64½	Carroll Inds. ... 96	..	2.3	7.2
206	137	Imps ... 194	+ 1	2.0	5.7
201	112	Rothmans ... 200	+ 4	6.6	b4.3

* Ex-dividends. † Ex-scrip. ‡ Ex-all. § Ex-rights. a: Ex-Capital Returns. A: Report and Accounts awaited. South African Gold Producers, cover relates to the last account year. b: interim since raised. c: Interim since lowered or passed. e: Forecast dividend. Cover relates to previous year's dividend. f: Forecast dividend and earnings. g: Yield includes special payment. h: Yield excludes special payment. *** Quotation temporarily suspended. x Unlisted security. * Tax free to non-residents.

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
160	Acorn Satellite	134	..
140	Alvis Holdings	165	+1
10½	Bennett Fountain	12½	+½
130	Brit. Telecom (50p pd)	124	−½
105	CVD Inrpl	167	−1
160	Caminver	205	..
105	Consl. Tern. Inv.	106	−1
115	Crown Lodge & Knight Gp	172	..
—	European Inv Bank (£99pd)	£99½	..
F101	Exch. 10¼% 2005 (£40 pd)	£40¼	−½
170	Firstland Oil	135	..
78	Gabicci	81	+1
28	Healthcare Services	22	..
—	Industrial Scotland Energy	127	..
—	Johnson Mt 8% C Pref.	145	..
—	Kingsley & Forster	52	..
—	Monument Oil	22	..
55	Optometrics (USA)	49	−2
140	PSM Int.	184	..
150	Penney & Giles	152	+2
92	Process Systems	88	..
—	Racal 7% conv.	108	..
20	Rex Williams	25	..
88	Sphinx TV	86	+1
174	Sunapse	215	..
132	Wardle Storeys	216	..
98	Whitworth Food Gp.	120	−2

THE POUND ABROAD

	1-2-85	Prev. close
Austria	25.09−.18	25.13−.17
Belgium*	71.51−.75	71.62−.74
Canada	1.4913−.4949	1.5004−.5028
Denmark	12.7435−.7603	12.7622−.7800
France	10.9077−.9286	10.9356−.9569
Germany W	3.5706−.5757	3.5791−.5799
Holland	4.0386−.0486	4.0446−.0603
Ireland	1.1460−.1520	1.1456−.1515
Italy	2196.59−2204.57	2205.65−2210.64
Japan	288.29−.72	288.45−.80
Norway	10.3198−.3400	10.3495−.3765
Portugal	193.86−195.16	195.07−196.39
Spain	196.62−197.92	198.15−.87
Sweden	10.1828−.2032	10.2265−.2423
Switzerland	3.0362−.0422	3.0764−.0508
Utd. States	1.1235−.1245	1.1310−.1320

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 71·6 (71·8) CLOSE 71·7 (71·6) (Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 251.74−252.20
Australia	A$1.3950−1.3950
Brazil	Cruzeiro 4031.79−4045.88
Cyprus	C£ 0.7330−0.7356
Finland	Markka 7.4798−7.4854
Greece	Drachma 144.45−147.35
Hong Kong	HK $ 8.7920−8.8020
India	Rupee 14.2450
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3515−0.3531
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3450−0.3470
Malaysia	Ringgit 2.8050−2.8133
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 4.0170−4.0670
Singapore	S$ 2.4880−2.4980
South Africa	Rand 2.2380−2.2490
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.1295−4.1635

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	1-2-85	Prev. close
France	9.7000	9.6750
Germany	3.1775	3.1630
Switzerland	2.7000	2.6745
Japan	256.60	254.80
Trade weighted ave.	146.70	146.20

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8⅝−8½ — 1 month 8[illegible]−8[illegible]
3 months 8⅞−9 — 6 months 9−9⅛

MARKS:
7 days 5[illegible]−5[illegible] — 1 month 6−6⅛
3 months 6−6⅛ — 6 months 6⅛−6¼

SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 3−3¼ — 1 month 5[illegible]−5[illegible]
3 months 5[illegible]−5[illegible] — 6 months 5[illegible]−5[illegible]

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	13½−11½ Grn.pm	36½−32½ Grn. pm
Belgium	15−9 c.pm	38−27 c.pm
Canada	0.41−0.32 c.pm	1.05−0.87 c.pm
Denmark	2⅛−1⅛ Ore pm	5⅛−4⅛ Ore pm
France	2⅝−1⅝ c.pm	5⅛−4⅛ c.pm
Germany W	2⅛−1⅞ Pf pm	6−5⅞ Pf pm
Holland	2⅛−2 c.pm	6⅛−5⅞ c.pm
Italy	2−5 Lire dis	11−16 Lire dis
Japan	1½−1¼ Yen pm	4⅛−4¼ Yen pm
Norway	1½−½ Ore pm	2−½ Ore pm
Portugal	180−475 c dis	395−1265 c.dis
Spain	15 c.pm−15 c.dis	10−65 c.dis
Sweden	¼−1½ Ore dis	2¼−3¼ Ore dis
Switzerland	2−1⅞ c.pm	5½−5⅛ c.pm
Utd. States	0.41−0.37 c.pm	1.08−1.00 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $304·80 — 2nd Fix $303·60
Close $303 25 ($306·75)
Sterling Equiv. £269·79 (£271·10)

KRUGERRANDS*

£273·00−£322·00 (£275·00−£324·50)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£251·10−£254·40 (£256·90−£259·80)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£61·40−£78·66 (£61·40−£78·66)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 14pc (Jan. 28)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 10½pc (Feb. 1)
DISCOUNT MKT.: Day-to-Day 10−14¼
INTERBANK: Overnight 13[illegible]
7 days 13[illegible]−13⅛ — 1 month 13¼−13[illegible]
3 months 12[illegible]−12¾ — 6 months 12[illegible]−12[illegible]
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS: Two days 14 — Seven days 14
One month 13 — Three months 12[illegible]
BANK BILLS: 1 month 12¾−13⅛
3 months 11⅞−12⅛ — 6 months 11¼−11[illegible]
TREAS. BILLS: 1 month 12½−13
2 months 12¼−12½ — 3 months 11⅞−12⅛
STERLING C.Ds.: 1 month 13[illegible]−13[illegible]
3 months 12[illegible]−12½ — 1 year 11½−11[illegible]
DOLLAR C.Ds.: 1 month 8.50−8.60
3 months 8.60−8.70 — 1 year 9.50−9.70

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·38½ dollars
Austria	24·60 schillings
Belgium	70·00 francs
Canada	1·48½ dollars
Denmark	12·67 kroner
Finland	7·46 markkaa
France	10·77 francs
Germany	3·51 marks
Greece	*148·00 drachmae
Holland	3·98 guilders
Iceland	*46·00 kronur
Ireland	1·14½ punt
Israel	725·00 shekels
Italy	*2,180 lira
Japan	285 yen
Malta	0·0582 pounds
New Zealand	2·32 dollars
Norway	10·25 kroner
Portugal	*190·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·25 rand
Spain	*195·25 pesetas
Sweden	10·11 kroner
Switzerland	2·97 francs
Turkey	510·00 lira
United States	1·1210 dollars
Yugoslavia	*279·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.

* Subject to limit.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue price			
88	First Castle Electronics	28 pm	..
163	Metropolitan (nil pd)	14 pm	+ 1
38	Premier Cons (nil pd)	6 pm	..
650	Samuelson Film (nil pd)	345 pm	+85
178	Westpac (nil pd)	72 pm	..

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	103·08	103·29−103·08	2871	108·02−101·22
	June	—	—	—	106·19−101·24
US T-bond	Mar	72·14	73·02−72·14	2852	74·06−69·23
	June	71·13	72·00−71·13	28	72·16−69·21
3 month £	Mar	87·67	88·06−87·70	1608	90·54−86·72
	June	88 66	88·90−88·65	126	90·13−87·40
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·96	91·03−90·85	7720	91·36−88·05
	June	90·29	90·52−60·28	2182	90·89−89·63
Sterling	Mar	1·1255	1·1257−1·1215	438	1·2770−1·1025
	June	1·1165	1·1155−1·1140	404	1·1458−1·0000
D-mark	Mar	0·3160	0·3163−0·3154	55	0·3437−0·3147
	June	—	—	—	—
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	—	—	0·4013−0·3748
	June	—	—	—	—
Yen	Mar	0·3910	0·3910−0·3905	104	0·4109−0·3903
	June	0·3936	0·3936−0·3932	3	0·3936−0·3932
FT-SE 100	Mar	126·50	127·75−126·45	441	131·00−112 00
	June	127·00	127·35−127·00	10	131·00−120·40

Contract specifications include: Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000. US T-bond notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000. 3 month sterling eurodollars—£250,000. US$1 million with cash settlement. Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face value of £25,000. Dm 125,000 Sw F 125,000, and Yen 12,500,000. FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Exercise Price	CALLS Apr.	July	Oct.	PUTS Apr.	July	Oct.
BP	500	43	68	80	15	23	32
BP	550	18	28	52	45	50	55
Comm. Union	180	21	25	29	9	12	15
Comm. Union	200	13	17	20	16	23	26
Cons. Gold	460	65	65	75	6	14	22
Cons. Gold	500	31	40	50	27	42	50
Courtaulds	150	15	19	—	4	6	—
Courtaulds	140	11	15	19	7	12	15
GEC	200	18	28	36	7	10	13
GEC	220	6	13	20	20	24	26
Grand Met.	300	15	25	32	22	30	37
Grand Met.	330	5	12	18	48	52	58
ICI	800	62	77	87	25	28	31
ICI	850	32	44	55	47	55	62
Land Securities	280	25	28	34	4	8	10
Land Securities	300	12	18	23	16	20	25
Marks & Spencer	120	10	14	18	5	9	12
Marks & Spencer	130	4½	7	10	11	14	17
Shell	700	60	65	75	17	28	53
Shell	750	31	40	48	42	48	53
Traf. House	260	21	25	30	11	17	20
Traf. House	350	8	14	19	31	35	38

Option	Exercise Price	CALLS Feb.	May	Aug.	PUTS Feb.	May	Aug.
Exchequer 10pc 1990	£92	2[illegible]	3[illegible]	3	—	[illegible]	1[illegible]
Exchequer 10pc 1990	£94	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	2[illegible]	1[illegible]	1[illegible]	1[illegible]
Barclays	600	45	55	67	4	16	22
Barclays	650	17	25	37	21	40	45
BAT Inds.	330	45	51	65	2	8	12
BAT Inds.	360	17	27	40	12	20	25
British Telecom	120	8	14½	17½	3½	7½	10
British Telecom	130	3	9	12½	10	12½	15
Imperial Grp.	180	16	23	26	5	8	12
Imperial Grp.	200	6	13	18	12	18	23
LASMO	330	27	40	47	14	22	30
LASMO	360	8	28	33	30	38	45
Lonrho	160	23	25	28	1½	5½	7
Lonrho	180	6	12½	16	6	13	18
P & O	390	20	33	43	13	25	32
P & O	420	4	18	30	28	40	45
Racal	200	16	28	38	5	7	10
Racal	220	5	18	23	14	18	22
RTZ	600	47	67	77	6	20	35
RTZ	650	15	30	40	25	40	57
Vaal Reef	$80	8	13	16	2½	7	9
Vaal Reef	$90	2	8	13½	6½	10½	14

Option	Exercise Price	CALLS Mar.	June	Sept.	PUTS Mar.	June	Sept.
Beecham	360	20	42	50	12	16	25
Beecham	390	7	18	25	37	42	47
Boots	600	17	27	33	27	34	39
Boots	650	6	11	16	65	70	77
De Beers	420c	60	50	42	10	28	34
De Beers	460c	37	13	20	29	45	57
GEC	680	30	42	50	30	35	47
GEC	700	12	18	25	70	78	92
GKN	180	30	37	43	1	6	9
GKN	200	14	22	28	5	12	15
Hanson Tst.	330	12	17	23	13	18	22
Hanson Tst.	360	5	8	13	30	33	36
Jaguar	280	28	36	41	7	9	13
Jaguar	300	19	26	31	14	19	23
Tesco	220	17	25	29	7	10	14
Tesco	240	6	10	12	18	25	24
FT-SE 100	1250	50	55	60	35	50	65
FT-SE 100	1300	25	40	55	60	72	85

TOTAL CONTRACTS 7,671

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STOCK EXCHANGE

Institutions stay on sidelines

STOCK markets had a distinctly jaded look at the end of an extremely traumatic week for both government securities and equities.

The Chancellor's assurances that his public spending and borrowing targets would have priority in determining the scope for tax cuts in the forthcoming Budget caused some concern among dealers and unsettled sentiment in consumer issues.

The absence, too, of a reduction in bank base lending rates—against the backdrop of the midweek Opec agreement on oil price differentials which resulted in a more stable pound—tended to disappoint, and kept institutional investors firmly on the sidelines. The market has now resigned itself to waiting until after next Tuesday's announcement of the money supply statistics before any reduction in base rates.

Blue chip industrials tended to recover from early falls but went easier again in late trading. This was illustrated by the "30" index which trimmed an initial 7·7 point fall to one of 6·2 by 3 p.m. before ending the day 8·6 lower at 977·5. 25·3 points down on the week.

The "100" index closed 8·2 off at the day's worst level of 1,272·6.

Quotations in the gilt-edged market trended easier awaiting a reduction in interest rates. The printed lists showed losses mainly of a £¼ in short-dated issues and falls of £½ in longer-dated maturities. Prices after hours slipped another £¼ or so.

Lower leaders

In blue chips, **BTR** came on offer and gave up 15 to 659p in the wake of the Dunlop offer document, while **BAT Industries**, whose offer for Hambro Life is now unconditional, shed as similar amount to 385p. On a brighter note, **GKN** were wanted and rose 7 to 204p in response to favourable brokers' circulars.

The major clearing banks made modest progress, though **Bank of Scotland** succumbed to further profit-taking following the recent Standard Life deal and gave up 10 to 459p.

Union Discount, in the wake of the excellent results and hopes of lower interest rates, surged ahead to 755p, an improvement of 55. Others were dragged higher with **Cater Allen** 7 better at 500p, after 508p, and **Gerrard & National**, 10 to the good at 534p.

In packaging and paper, **Polly Peck** were sold down to 252p before a partial recovery left the close 6 off at 234p following news of a £41·7 million rights issue in 9 p.c. convertible loan stock, 2003-08.

Budget tax cuts fears undermined dealings in the leading stores, but there were a few bright features among secondary issues, with **Foster Brothers** 8 higher at 126p, and **Etam** 4 to the good at 138p.

Christies International were wanted and put on 7 to 505p as buyers looked with favour on the company's dollar earnings potential. **Brent Chemical** rebounded a similar amount to 124p, after 125p, in response to speculative demand, while comment relating to the recent preliminary results brought buyers for **Lonrho** whose shares moved up to 184p prior to closing a couple of pence dearer at 182p.

Bullough resumed an upward path and added 7 to 427p in anticipation of Monday's results, while **M L Holdings**, interim figures due on Tuesday rose 10 to 354p. Speculative demand was responsible for strength in **Redfearn**, 4 better at 80p. **Haden**, similarly higher at 214p, and **James Halstead**, 8 to the good at 92p.

Profit-taking was the order of the day in **System Designers** 8 lower at 575p, and **Muirhead**, 6 easier at 184. **Wholesale Fittings**, on the other hand, recovered from resent weakness and added 8 to 263p.

Heavyweight gold shares closed mixed behind the bullion price, $5·50 off at $503·25.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	197·00	+ 0·20
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	1,068·56	+ 3·49
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,156·60	− 4·70
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,356·26	− 8·76
PARIS (CAC General)	195·70	− 0·10
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	772·70	− 0·70
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	11,946·96	−45·35
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	336·20	− 1·90

Dunlop plans new package to sidestep BTR

By MICHAEL BECKET

DUNLOP HOLDINGS is putting together a new financial rescue package which will not risk defeat by BTR, the company which has acquired a blocking holding in Dunlop's preference shares. Next Friday's extraordinary general meeting of Dunlop is to be adjourned to allow a new scheme to be agreed with its bankers.

BTR, which is bidding £53·5 million for Dunlop, has made it a condition that the refinancing is rejected. As part of the takeover plan it bought 28 p.c. of Dunlop preference shares which gives it a veto over the £142 million reconstruction plan put together over the past three months by Dunlop's 55 creditor banks.

Both Sir Michael Edwardes, the new chairman of Dunlop, and the City Panel on Take-Overs and Mergers asked BTR chairman Sir Owen Green whether he intended to use his power. But Sir Owen yesterday brushed off both enquiries with the non-committal response that he had not decided whether, or how, to vote the holding.

The panel, in a separate statement yesterday, rapped BTR over the knuckles for a comparison in its offer document between the price of Dunlop shares in the offer, and the price in the financial reconstruction. "This comparison has not been presented in an appropriate or helpful manner", the calculation basis was not the normal one, and "the selection of the chosen basis of calculation was not clearly explained and justified".

Dunlop's share price yesterday closed 1½p down at 55½p compared with 20p of the BTR bid.

Dunlop pointed out that BTR's stake is enough to stop the plans, yet represents only 2·6 p.c. of total shareholder votes. Sir Michael commented: "We are simply not prepared to allow BTR to use this shabby device to disfranchise our 40,000 ordinary shareholders."

As the result the extraordinary general meeting will be adjourned to allow Dunlop to agree a new package with the banks. The principal banks have agreed to maintain present facilities on the existing basis beyond the current limit of March 31, and will recommend the other bankers to follow suit.

That will permit some weeks of negotiations for the new scheme. But it is thought agreement will not take too long, and Sir Michael may even be able to announce on February 8 the date of the new meeting.

The solution to remove BTR's power has been found and some of the parties are already agreed in principle. The only reason a separate meeting of preference shareholders is needed with its own 75 p.c. majority required for the scheme, is the proposed issue of convertible preference stock to the banks in part exchange for Dunlop's existing borrowings.

If only Ordinary shares were issued this separate meeting would no longer be required, and BTR would lose its veto. The banks are also being helped in this by demands from small shareholders on both sides of the Atlantic to be permitted a greater part in the reconstruction.

In addition to the planned rights issue in which they would participate, they want to have the ability to buy some of the shares that were to have gone to the banks. That would mean the banks getting more cash and fewer equities.

Discussions have been taking place for some time between Sir Michael and Prof. Robert Pritchard, representing the small British investors, and Ron Haave who has bought Dunlop shares for some of his New York-based funds and who is influential among American shareholders who own some 27 p.c. of the Dunlop shares.

Dunlop said the revised proposals will "meet the major points made by shareholders in recent weeks." That indicates some changes in the package have already been agreed with the banks.

Sir Michael is about to write to all shareholders to say the adjournment of the extraordinary general meeting is in their interests. They can now ignore the BTR threat to prevent the company's refinancing, and should ignore the takeover offer, he will add.

Polly Peck launches £42m cash call

By BARBARA CONWAY

POLLY PECK yesterday surprised the City by announcing, just before its annual meeting, that it was calling for £42 million from shareholders in the form of a rights issue. The news left the shares down 6p at 254p.

Although the rights issue announcement caused few ripples at the packed annual meeting, attended by around 300 investors and observers, it has raised questions about the reasons for seeking such a large sum for a company which, according to it 1984 accounts had balance sheet and massive profit margins.

Explanations given by the company are fairly general, with the formal document stating that, despite the "considerable positive cashflow, the board considers it desirable to to raise a significant capital sum in order to gain greater flexibility in its continuing expansion programme."

The issue offers £9 of new convertible loan stock for every 20 Polly Peck shares held. The stock can be converted from 1989, with investors having the option of converting each £100 of stock for 41 Polly Peck shares this June, equivalent to a price of 233p a share.

Asil Nadir, who already holds 28·8 pc of Polly Peck and will be entitled to take up £12·2 million of the new stock, said: "I have undertaken that at least £6 million nominal of the convertible stock will be taken up." He added that "the whole or a substantial part" of that stock would be converted in June.

The loan stock approach was taken to avoid the need for a profits forecast from the company, which last year announced a 68 p.c. increase to £50·6 million.

Petrol card in liquidation

By DAVID GREEN

THE petrol card scheme launched by the Motor Agents Association to counter the dominance of Access and Barclaycard has gone into liquidation after two years with account holders owing an estimated £5 million.

Petrol retailers have had a stormy relationship with the credit card companies for years over the amount of commission charged. They have won reductions in the rates but claim that this still means half their margin is taken by the card companies which account for about one third of United Kingdom petrol sales.

The MAA Fuel Card carried a commission rate of 1·5 p.c. which compares with between 2 p.c. and 3 p.c. for the major card companies.

A spokesman for the association said the downfall was the build-up of in-house accounts. These were accounting for 60 p.c. of turnover but many of them were top small and bad debts were accruing.

P & O profits forecast disappoints at £69m

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

SHARES in Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation slipped 10p to 393p as the City digested a slightly disappointing 1984 profits forecast accompanying the takeover documents for its £430 million agreed bid for Sterling Guarantee Trust.

Chairman Sir Jeffrey Sterling says these profits will have been £69·5 million pre-tax compared with £56·7 million form 1983. The total is broadly in line with forecasts but includes a large rise in the contribution from 47 p.c.-owned Overseas Containers Limited.

OCL is responsible for P & O's associated profits, estimated at £27·7 million pre-tax against £9·1 million in 1983. The implication is that the main P & O group has not done too well.

Results from OCL were lifted by good volumes on Far Eastern services and by exchange rate gains. Sir Jeffrey says P & O's shipping profits were affected by the two dock strikes.

P & O's current trading is "satisfactory," but there is a warning that OCL in 1985 may be hit by greater competition and by any recovery in sterling against the dollar.

Extraordinary losses for the whole of 1984 are now put at £64·2 million after transfers from reserves, £11·5 million higher than midway, reflecting a further clearout in the bulk cargo fleet. Sir Jeffrey says the major clearances have now been completed.

Sterling Guarantee predicts pre-tax profits of £24 million against £16·5 million in the year to March in line with forecasts, while a property revaluation puts a £442 million price tag on properties, £40 million higher than last March.

SATURDAY COMMENT

City safeguards may mean bigger bureaucracy

By Andreas Whittam Smith

THE BEST WAY to test the "new framework for investor protection" published as a White Paper by the Government this week is to ask whether it would have made recent disasters such as the collapses of investment advisers Norton Warburg and commodity brokers M. L. Doxford any less likely and whether in addition it will provide the extra safeguards that the coming changes in Stock Exchange trading make necessary.

Norton Warburg, an investment advisory group that had even been invited to advise Bank of England officials on their personal finances, crashed in early 1981 with debts of nearly £5 million.

Unknown to clients, their funds had been invested in speculative ventures which quickly turned out to be worthless.

The Doxford story, also a 1981 disaster, was much the same, except that Doxford was a commodity broker. It collapsed with a deficiency of nearly £3 million. Clients found that funds which they thought were being profitably employed in the commodity markets had been diverted into dubious power-boat racing ventures and into property speculation.

The problem looming on the horizon on the other hand is institutional. It follows from the Stock Exchange's decision to blur the distinction between stockbrokers acting solely as agents on behalf of investors and stockjobbers trading solely as principals, or wholesalers, of shares. In future trading will be dominated by broker-dealers which may, for instance, have a position in ICI shares in one part of the firm while another part will be advising clients whether to buy or sell ICI or receiving instructions to trade in the shares.

The scope for conflicts of interest could be enormous. The London Stock Exchange is in danger of repeating the scandals that have disfigured the Lloyd's insurance market.

Under the proposed legislation "investments" will be defined much more widely than hitherto, and will certainly include commodity futures and options contracts.

This would bring regulation to the Doxfords of this world. Likewise the law would concern itself with any type of investment business, including firms which manage investments, or give advice about investments. Even tipsheet publishers will be included. A future Norton Warburg would thus be classified as an investment business.

But the essence of the system being planned is that it will be an offence to carry on investment business without authorisation.

The big issues, then, concern the granting of authorisation. The proposal is that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry should delegate this power to one or more City bodies whose membership would represent providers and users of financial services. These bodies, in turn, would be able to recognise self-regulatory organisations, such as the Stock Exchange itself, whose rules and practices enforce high standards.

"Let's hope it won't lead to conflicts of interest."

Business test

The key safeguard will be the application of a "fit and proper" test to those carrying on investment business. In addition practitioners would have to abide by conduct-of-business rules that would include safeguards against abuses arising from conflicts of interest, protection of clients' assets, compensation, a duty to give "adequate and reasonable" advice having regard to a client's circumstances, disclosure of terms of business to customers, the keeping of proper records and arrangements to ensure the orderly conduct of business.

In theory, neither Norton Warburg nor M. L. Doxford would have been able to pass these tests. But in practice? Deciding whether somebody is "fit," in other words competent, and "proper," i.e. honest, will be far from easy. The City is full of people who give a plausible impression of both these qualities. The other tests would require whistle-blowing; a dissatisfied client would have to report shortcomings to the relevant authority unless some system of spot checks was in operation. The fail-safe, therefore, is the presence of compensation funds.

All the same, the White Paper proposals are extremely welcome. No system can unfailingly prevent fraud and root out incompetence. But the chances are that the Norton Warburg and the M. L. Doxford clients would be considerably happier today if they had had the benefit of the new measures.

It is more difficult to be optimistic that the proposed system will also prevent conflicts of interest developing on the Stock Exchange when the new dealing system is brought in. The legislation will incorporate a principle of fair dealing, a duty of skill, care and diligence in the provision of investment advice and the transaction of investment business and a duty to disclose such matters in advance as any material interest in a proposed transaction.

Thus, having asked your stockbroker for advice on ICI shares, you may be first told that the firm already has a holding in its own name. If you wanted to avoid the bother of taking your business elsewhere, you would then have to rely upon three further principles. The "know your customer" rule would require an investment business to satisfy itself that a particular recommendation was suitable for you. And if you subsequently asked the firm to carry out a transaction, it would also have to satisfy a "best execution" principle and a "subordination of interest" requirement.

Merely to list these rules, principles and requirements is to demonstrate the problem. Surely candidates for Stock Exchange membership will have to pass an examination in ethics as well as in investment techniques. In the helter-skelter of financial markets it is asking a lot to expect a complicated moral code to be followed meticulously.

The only means of securing compliance with the new rules may be by creating a great bureaucratic system of form-filling and inspection worthy of the old Austro-Hungarian empire. But in that case the costs of doing business would rise and the scope for innovation shrink.

The White Paper does not altogether dissolve this nightmare.

On Monday's City Pages

TUESDAY next week Sees the presentation to Congress of President Reagan's budget. In the City pages on Monday Lawrence Kudlow, a former Reagan Administration budget official and now a leading Wall Street economist and critic of Mr Reagan's budget policies, talks to James Srodes.

THE City's corner shops are striking back at the new financial supermarkets, with a curiously powerful threat — they refuse to shop there. Christopher Fildes' Lombard Street column spots the best buys.

IN Monday's Questor column Tom Kyte examines the prospects for two new issues, the offer for sale by Lloyds Bank International of shares in German Smaller Companies Investment Trust and Kleinwort Benson's offer of shares in Berkeley Technology.

Clifford German looks at the prospects for Stock markets in Italy and Spain which led the field in overseas equities in January.

Shortage fuels oil spot market

ASHORTAGE of North Sea oil for early delivery gave a boost to spot market prices yesterday, allowing the Government more breathing space before it decides on any changes in official prices.

Brent oil was being quoted at up to $28·20 a barrel, just 45 cents below the $28·65 the British National Oil Corporation is paying oil companies under participation deals. March quotations were around the $26·95 mark and April about $26·20.

Oil traders argue that it wil become increasingly expensive for the Government to maintain the current official Nor Sea price to support the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting

But with the Government anxious to avoid fresh speculation against sterling and another split with Opec, an early decision on a cut in the price to oil companies is being postponed and the state trading body is being left to get the best price it can in spot markets.

BNOC is now offering its 800,000 barrels a day in the spot markets for delivery next month. At vesterday' sprice the difference between the price it is paying and selling oil is running at a daily loss of $1·4 million (£1·24 million).

Nigeria, which has raised its prices to bring them back into line with Brent levels, is keeping a close watch on North Sea developments.

● Petrolex was given further ammunition in its efforts to beat the £9 million bid from Clyde Petroleum when Gulf Oil announced the discovery of more oil and gas in a well drilled in the North Sea Bosun field, in which Petrolex has a potential 4 p.c. stake.

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	624·90 (−2·49)
"500"	669·52 (−3·27)
All-Share	612·75 (−1·87)

U.S. RATES

Federal funds 8¼ p.c. (8½ p.c.)
Treas. 3 mnth bills 8·22-17 (8·08-03)
Long bonds ... $103·21 ($104·21)
Yields ... 11·31 p.c. (11·19 p.c.)

Guiness pays $18m

ARTHUR Guinness yesterday doubled its American operation with an $18·04 million (about £16 million) deal to buy the Richter Brothers group, which imports speciality foods and drinks. The seller is Hanover Equities, owned by Austram of Australia.

Hanover gets £3·36 million in cash and the balance in new Guinness Ordinary shares which will be bought instantly by the Morgan Grenfell merchant bank. The shares will be placed at 227p each

Jobs setback curbs Wall St

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

WALL Street investors marked time yesterday in the face of disappointing employment news and the impending release of President Reagan's budget proposals.

The Labour Department reported that America's jobless rate rose 0·2 p.c. in January to 7·2 p.c. as post-holiday lay-offs overwhelmed what would otherwise have been strong employment gains.

Although more than 300,000 jobs were added to American payrolls in the first month of 1985 the increase was not enough to overcome the enormous jump in the unemployed labour pool caused by the post-Christmas firings.

Trading was markedly lighter than it has been in past days and declining shares outpaced those advancing for the first time in 19 days. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down seven points at 1,279·81 an hour before the close.

The Dow index closed 9·05 lower at 1277·72

● Sterling in New York closed at $1·1257, again $1·1310.

Capel research team switches

EDINBURGH and London brokers Wood Mackenzie has lured away the leading retail research team from Capel-Cure Meyers "to fill a gap in our research services."

The fivestrong team headed by John Richards scored high marks in the recent Continental Illinois survey of brokers' research. It publishes retail magazine which would fit in well with Wood Mackenzie's publications covering the oil, wines and spirits and agri-chemicals industries.

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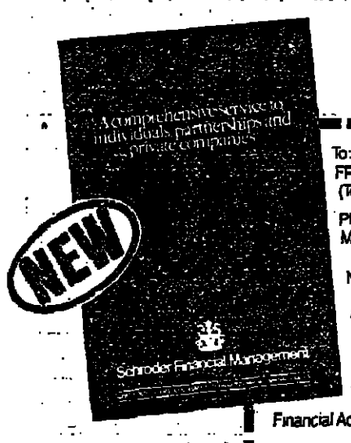

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EXCHANGES

THE dollar was in demand again yesterday, particularly from Japanese companies. But the fear of central bank intervention prevented the American currency rising too far.

The pound closed lower in dollar terms, at $1·1240 against $1·1515 overnight. But its international index edged up from 71·6 to 71·7 because of an improvement against other currencies.

In London money markets, the cost of wholesale funds edged up following a clear signal that the authorities want to wait until after Tuesday's money supply figures before deciding whether to allow British bank base rates to fall.

The key three-month interbank rate rose from 12½ to 12⅝ p.c.

At the weekly Treasury bill tender, hopes of an early decline in base rates kept the rate of discount on bills artificially low, at 11·8150 p.c. against 11·3251 p.c.

The Bank of England stuck to existing intervention rates in providing cash to relieve a credit shortage of £550 million in the banking system.

COMPANIES

U.S. boost for Smurfit

THE benefits of Jefferson Smurfit's heavy investment programme in the United States came through strongly in the Dublin-based paper and packaging group's 1984-85 pre-tax profits, which show a near threefold increase from a depressed I£12·6m—past 1982's I£22m previous peak—to I£50m.

The contribution from the United States, where Smurfit has invested $60m in the past two years, leapt from $7·44m to $25·5m. The group reports a continued recovery in Ireland, where profits doubled to I£10m, and a better trend in Britain, which went from breakeven to a I£2m profit.

Smurfit is making a £2·27m offer for T M G Group, Dublin based iron founders. Smurfit, its directors and their families, already speak for some 57 p.c. of the group's equity.

T M G, which had net assets put at 44·ip a share at end 1983, jumped 40 to 100p on Smurfit's terms, which value each T M G shares at just under 112p a share with Smurfit 5 higher at 145p.

T M G's activities are outside of Smurfit's mainstream operations, but Howard Kilroy, its chief operations director, says the group needs to build up its operations in Ireland to help the group's A C T position.

Amalgamated Est.

AMALGAMATED Estates made a pre-tax loss in the six months to Sept. 30 of £501,000 compared with a loss of £652,000 in the previous first half. The loss per share amounted to 0·80p against a loss of 2·86p.

Since the end of the first half the company has raised £1·25 million after expenses from a rights issue. The company has made an agreed bid worth £5 million for London and Manchester Securities, which will result in a combined group with assets of £11·6 million.

J. and J. Dyson

THE profits recovery at J. & J. Dyson has continued through the opening half with the pre-tax outturn up from £82,000 to £139,000. Chairman Gerald Lomas adds that the outlook for the group in the year 1985-86, given a reasonable economic climate, appears to be better than for some time.

There has been further rationalisation of production facilities in the refractories division and he adds that it is now capable of making a major contribution to group profitability. Companies in Dyson's general division continue to operate profitably with the exception of Sandygate Motor Sp... which made a small loss.

The interim is again ... April 4 from earnings ... (0·59p).

Synterials

SYNTERIALS, ... synthetic ... and materials pro... which came development gr... £20m offer to the U S M ... 1985, is for sale in ... share capital proposing a ... at 100p each. repayment. Offered o... 17 to 55p the shares ... the repayment yesterday ...

Chairman Sir John Hill said the group had run into difficulties with the final stage of its process, which had meant additional costs, but this had been overcome and the group was now looking for orders.

... ment details and the group's decision to continue its development at a "more cautious" rate than originally intended.

IN BRIEF

L D H Group: First half pft £125,700 (£90,900). T o £... (£2·54m). EPS 0·89p ... Second half considerably ... by fall in pound, but full ... a profit and this being ... will pay a dividend ... ment 1·5p for 1979...

British American ... Trust: Full year ... £1·34m (£2·22m) ... 2·49p come £2·08m ... div £145,000 (£355,000) ... ng 2·6p (2·77p). NAV ... 1·6p, pay April ... (same).

Electrolux: ... operating ... income, after extraordinary items including ... (£235m) against ... and losses ... at present items. Sk... After-tax return Skr1,705 ... (116·5 p.c.). Improvements ... to increase in on eq... all five business ... geographically most profit ... Nordic countries and areas.

... Walker: First half p/t ... (£30,000). T o £470,000 ... EPS 0·1p 1·7p). As no int. div. Board says full profit likely to remain at a ... est level.

Acorn ... takeover of ... has fallen ... ACORN months after the Toro... agreed the original ... exchanged staff and ... development. ... decided to devote management time to its own business ... its problems. Torch ... to be recovering from ... bles and is currently in ... cashflow, according to ... Henderson, chairman of ... market (Venture Capital).

BIDS AND DEALS

Town Centre shops for Stylo

TOWN Centre Securities, the property company headed by Arnold Ziff, bought 90,000 shares in Stylo at just over 187p a share on Thursday through stockbrokers Sheppards & Chase.

Further shares were bought yesterday in the company which is controlled by the Ziff family and is the subject of a tender offer from British Land at up to 187p a share.

W. Greenwell, the stockbrokers which acted for Stylo when its normal stockbroker, Rowe & Pitman, withdrew to avoid conflicting interests of advising both British Land and Stylo, itself stood down yesterday following disagreement with Mr Ziff.

It is said that Mr Ziff had wanted Greenwell to fix a meeting with the Kuwait Investment Office which has an investment in Stylo and that the stockbrokers had declined to do so and withdrew when Mr Ziff used Sheppards & Chase, which has always advised Town Centre as his adviser.

Asked yesterday why Town Centre had bought Stylo shares Mr Ziff said: "I have said that the shares should be bought at 187p—they are very good value, but I wouldn't dream of selling them at that sum."

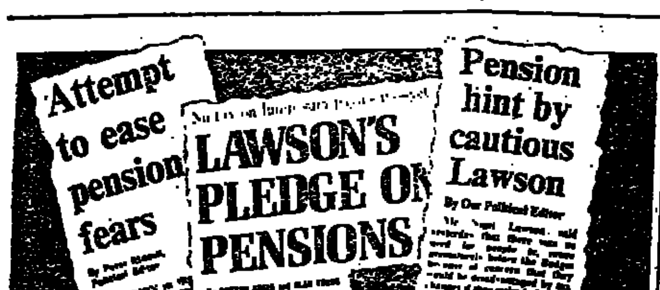
Meanwhile, the Stock Exchange has granted listing for up to 12·8 million new British Land shares to be issued subject to take-up of the tender offer. The tender offer of up to 187p a share is open for acceptance until next Tuesday. Stylo shares closed 2p up yesterday at 186p.

Gregory–Glanfield

GREGORY Securities has secured control of motor dealer Glanfield Lawrence with its 49½p a share offer now backed by the Glanfield board.

Acceptances have come in respect of 14 p.c. of the shares giving Gregory Securities, which already held a large stake, 56·5 p.c. in total.

The offer remains open until February 8 and will not be extended. Gregory Securities hopes to keep Glanfield's stock market quotation.



BUDGET THREAT TO THE SELF EMPLOYED

and those not in Company Pension Schemes

3 Vital Questions to answer before Budget Day, March 19.

1. Are you aware that under current legislation the size of your tax-free retirement nest egg is restricted by Parliament?

2. Did you know that the Chancellor is rumoured to be considering taxing this sum in the future?

3. Are you aware that a new Pension 'Extra Cash' Account can provide up to 54% more tax-free cash than existing plans... and the full support of the Inland Revenue?

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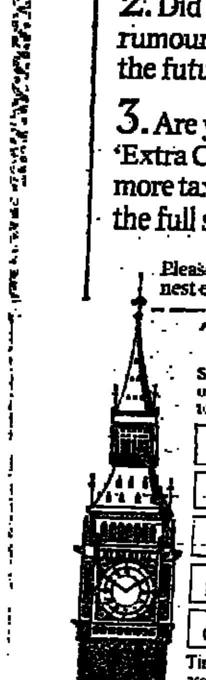

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COMMODITIES

Gold lower

The London gold price closed $2·50 lower at $303·25 an ounce yesterday following profit taking after its recent improvement, and under the impact of a stronger dollar. Dealers say, however, that the long term trend for the metal is probably up.

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff Report

COPPER: Steady. Wire Bars: Off settlement £1,240 (£1,260·50), off midday cash £1,239-£1,240, 3 months £1,261-£1,262. after close cash £1,244-£1,244·5. 3 months £1,265-£1,265·50. T/O 13,600 tonnes. Cathodes: Idle. Off settlement: £1,236 (£1,251), off midday cash £1,234-£1,236. 3 months £1,250-£1,253. after close cash £1,239-£1,241. 3 months £1,254-£1,256.

TIN: Barely steady. Off settlement £9,935 (£9,885), off midday cash £9,930-£9,935. 3 months £9,910-£9,915. after close cash £9,955-£9,960 3 months £9,905-£9,906. T/O 735 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady. Off settlement £339 (£341), off midday cash £338·50-£339. 3 months £340-£341, after close cash £339-£341. 3 months £340-£342·50. T/O 6,550 tonnes.

ZINC: Steadier. Off settlement £731 (£736), Off midday cash £730·50-£731. 3 mths £732-£732·50. Aft close cash £734-£736, 3 mths £735-£736. T/O 5,250 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 551p-558p. 3 mths 574·5p-575p. Aft close cash 552·5p-553·5p, 3 mths 569·5p-570p. T/O 56 lots of 10,000oz each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady. Off settlement £967·50 (£974). Off midday cash £967-£967·50. 3 mths £997-£997·50. Aft close cash £970-£971. 3 mths £1,000-£1,001. T/O 7,350 tonnes.

NICKEL: Firm. Off settlement £4,460 (£4,590). Off midday cash £4,450-£4,460. 3 mths £4,465-£4,470. Aft close cash £4,510-£4,515. 3 mths £4,510-£4,515. T/O 2,028 tonnes.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 558·20 (561·15). 3 mths 564·80 (577·00). 6 mths 591·35 (595·20). 1 yr 620·70 (625·20).

PLATINUM: Free-Market £244·20 (£249·80).

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): Feb. 305·50. April 308·50. June 313·00. T/O 128 lots of 100 troy oz each.

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot 64-66·50 (64-66·50). Futures: Idle. March £620-£660. April £630-£670. May £640-£680. June £650-£690. July £660-£700. Aug. £670-£710. Sept. £683-£720. Oct. £690-£730. Nov. £700-£740.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Basis $670: No. 3 Long $650. C.I.F. Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price raws £104: $117. No. 6 Contract. $ per tonne. March 123-123·40. May 130·60. Aug. 138·40-139. Oct. 145·40-146. Dec. 151·40-152·40. March 165·20-166·20. May 172-173·20. T/O 1,160 lots.

COFFEE (£ per ton): Jan. 2405. March 2375. May 2386. July 2398. Sept. 2397. Nov. 2410. Sales: 2,120.

COCOA E.D.&F. Man (Cocoa) report. Closing prices (£ per ton): March 2188-2187. May 2215-2213. July 2187-2185. Sept. 2166-2165. Dec. 2020-2017. March 2007-2001. May 2010-1980. Sales: 4,931.

SOYAMEAL: Easier. Feb. £145·50-£148·50. April £148·50-£148·40. June £146-£146·50. Aug. £147·10-£147·20. Oct. £150·50-£151·50. Dec. £153·50-£154·50. Feb. £154·10-£156·50. T/O 1,012 lots.

GAS OIL FUTURES

Feb. 230·25-30·00. March 223·00-22·75. April 216·25-15·75. May 215·00-14·50. June 214·00-16·00. July 214·00-11·00. Aug. 217·00-11·00. Sept. 219·00-11·00. Oct. 222·00-11·00. Volume: 2,847. — Premier Man.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab light 27·95. Dubai 27·50. Arab heavy 26·85. North Sea (Forties) 27 (March). North Sea (Brent) 25·95. Nigerian Forlados 27·25.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

BARLEY (£ per ton): Jan. 104·50. March 113·65. May 116·55. Sept. 97·55. Nov. 104·50.

WHEAT (£ per ton): Jan. 104·50. March 110·60. May 116·60. July 118·50. Sept. 97·80. Nov. 100·90.

Locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. Eastern: Feed wheat 108·80 (−150), feed barley 112·10 (−100). East Midlands: Feed wheat 111·20 (+150), feed barley 111·60 (−80). North East: Feed wheat 110·20 (−90), feed barley 111·50 (−50).

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POTATOES (Gafta): Feb. £45·50. April £51·70. May £55·80. Nov. £71·20. Feb. £81. T/O 277 lots of 40 tonnes each.

PIGMEAT (Gafta): Feb. 110·8p. April 105·3p. June 104·0p. Aug. 100·9p. Oct. 106·8p. Nov. 107·8p. T/O 178 lots.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit per lb: Eating apples 10-24. cookers 7-14. apricots 65-70. bananas 25-29. rhubarb 25. South African grapes 60-100. lychees 100-120. clementines 5-25. English pears 8-20. South African 25-26. plums 50-55. satsumas 2-7. strawberries 220. marmalade oranges. Each: Mincolas 8-18. avocados 12-24. coconuts 28. figs 17-18. ortaniques 13-21. grapefruit 4-15. pink 27. Kiwi 13-20. lemons 7-11. limes 18. mangoes 40-60. melons 90-120. nectarines 16-20. oranges 5-18. sharon fruit 14-15. pineapples 50-120.

Salad per lb: Tomatoes 36-40. chicory 60. Chinese leaf 18. parsley 65. cabbage 8-10. Per bunch: Radishes 20. cress. English spring onions 17. Cyprus 25. Each: Celery 14-25 cucumbers 36-58. round lettuce 20-25. Cos 40. Iceberg 60-70. endive 85.

Vegetables per lb: Root artichoke 30. asparagus 300-350. aubergines 62. African beans 60-80. sprouts 7-10. top. 10. cabbage 4-5. calabrese 60-70. old carrots 3-5. new 16. green capsicums 25-30. red 40-45. courgettes 30. fennel 50. spring greens 13. leeks 20. manegtout. 100. mushrooms 50-80. onions 5-15. parsnips 5. old potatoes 3-4. new 16-20. spinach 50. swedes 6. turnips 7. Each: Sweetcorn 25. cauliflower 35-50.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets yesterday: GB cattle 94·20p per kg lw (−1·28). GB sheep 170·30p per kg est DCW (+5·29). GB pigs 75·08p per kg lw (−2·39). England and Wales: cattle nos down 22·4 p.c., ave. price 93·75p (−1·62), sheep nos down 35·8 p.c., ave. price 169·76p (+4·33), pig nos up 2·6 p.c., ave. price 75·08p (−2·39). Scotland: cattle nos down 16·7 p.c., ave. price 96·65p (+0·53), sheep nos down 28·8 p.c., ave. price 174·12p (+9·95).

Tebbit joins in warnings against going Dutch

SCRUTINEER

By BARBARA CONWAY

MR TEBBIT, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has now publicly added his support to the warnings against succumbing to "investment advice" from share salesmen from Amsterdam (*Scutineer* from May 12 onwards) with a comment earlier this week: "People may be foolish enough to do business over the telephone with people in other countries who are less well-regulated"—citing the Netherlands as a particular example.

Indeed, the matter is to be raised by Corporate Affairs Minister Alex Fletcher when he visits his counterpart in Amsterdam next week, although it is only a small part of the agenda. And the Dutch authorities are bringing in licencing regulations.

But, meanwhile, those who deal with the companies in question are still finding themselves facing problems which have nothing to do with the normal risks of investment.

Complaints about the dealers in general, and First Commerce Securities in particular, are still flooding into this office, and the "solution" to one of these problems found by the new management of First Commerce looks a little like a grim joke.

Readers will recall that we have been attempting to recover the $458 investment made by a student in shares of DeVoe Holbein after persistent calls from First Commerce last year. The student instructed the firm to sell the shares, which were bought at a price of around $6·50 each, in November when they were being quoted by iFrst Commerce, the only market-maker, at up to $10.

Despite sending further letters he heard nothing until last week the company told us that it was obviously a misunderstanding and that the money was being returned. eH got the cheque yesterday.

The shares had indeed been sold, but at the price prevailing of $5 a share. nIstead of making a profit he has made a loss of $191, or 44 p.c. of his savings.

First Commerce, which states that a new management took over in December, now says that this might have been another misunderstanding and that it will be investigated.

I hope that turns out to be the case. ecause, if someone with so relatively small an investment is being treated like this by the company, the many investors who have put the equivalent of thousands of pounds into DeVoe and City Clock — which First Commerce sells at substantially above its market price — may feel that their own prospects are a little worrying.

Jessel circular to Sherwood

A LICENSED dealing firm headed by a very well-known City personality is taking a highly unusual approach to marketing its insured plan and bond schemes. Shareholders in loss-ridden engineers Central & Sheerwood have over the past few weeks been receiving circulars from the dealers suggesting, in short, that Central shares are not worth holding for "investors who require peace, safety or income from their investments."

Investors are told that the firm will take up to 1,000 Central shares off their hands at 8p above the market price (8p yesterday) as "a down payment on an investment bond or an insured plan of £40 per month."

Central managing director David James is decidedly unamused by this tactic not least, he says, because of the person who is adopting it.

The licensed dealer in question is the Jessel Group, run by Oliver Jessel and, states Mr James, "if what you want is a printable comment I suppose I'd have to say that Mr Jessel has a nerve to think that he has any right to recommend investments to widows and orphans. Just how did widows and orphans do in his old companies?."

Mr Jessel himself feels that he is offering a fair enough trade and says that his circular has had a "very active response." The circular itself stresses that "we continue to wish the company (Central) well in its efforts to achieve profitability, but the shares are for speculators only."

Central, he says, is heading for a painful capital reconstruction very soon. Over 50 people have accepted the offer so far, he says, and the Central shares have been sold on.

Mr James states that there is no reason to revise the forecast by Central chairman Lord Eden that the company will be back in profits next year and expresses general concern about "the implications of knocking copy forming part of a financial investment plan." But, he adds, "this doesn't worry us specifically, it's just a minor annoyance rather like a gnat."

Alas, poor Oric—and Edenspring

IN ANOTHER disastrous week for the computer industry shareholders in Edenspring will be upset but not too surprised (*Scrutineer*, Dec. 15) to learn that their company's only trading subsidiary Oric Products has gone into receivership.

Oric lost £1 million in the past six months alone and had a total of around £5 million of debts, roughly half of that owed to Edenspring. The company, which produces the Oric microcomputer, had come to a temporary accommodation with its creditors, including Pan Books which was owed around £120,000, last September but attempts to reconstruct the finances proved abortive.

Peter Jones, of Edenspring, says: "It was clear this week that the only right course was for the company to cease trading and a receiver was called in by the request of the board.

"There are some winding-up petitions pending, but it may be best if it can be kept out of the courts. We are still talking."

Edenspring itself has no cross-guarantees with Oric, although without the computer division the company resolves into a few properties, some cash and whatever can be recovered from the Oric crash.

Main reasons for the failure of Oric, whose micros sold well in France but did little business at home, were the trading problems although this week's collapse of computer distributors Prism—which is now suing its auditors Arthur Andersen may have been a peripheral factor. Oric was suing Prism for £4 million.

Edenspring will bring out its delayed results next week, says Mr Jones. And, although he agrees they won't be a pretty sight, "at least then investors will know what's going on and then we can settle on the next step."

No bail for John di Stefano

JOHN di STEFANO, a director of Mastbid which was wound up by the courts last October, was this week charged with two further counts concerning the company, one of conspiracy to defraud, the other of conspiracy to obtain money or property by deception.

In an unsuccessful attempt to get the magistrates to hear a bail application for Mr di Stefano, who has been in custody for five months, his counsel stated that the police had played a "cat and mouse game" with his client and had delayed bringing more than sample charges.

Police counsel stated that the charges involving Mastbid, which followed charges about another company, involved a "very much more complicated, more widespread and serious international fraud" than the original matter.

Mr di Stefano was remanded in custody to appear in court again by Feb. 28 at the latest.

OLD habits die hard. John ("I haven't got a dime") de Lorean has recently enjoyed a lavish winter holiday, including a $250 a night hotel suite and equally expensive ski lessons. This is not amusing the many sympathisers who last year contributed after Mr de Lorean's public plea for help in meeting legal bills.

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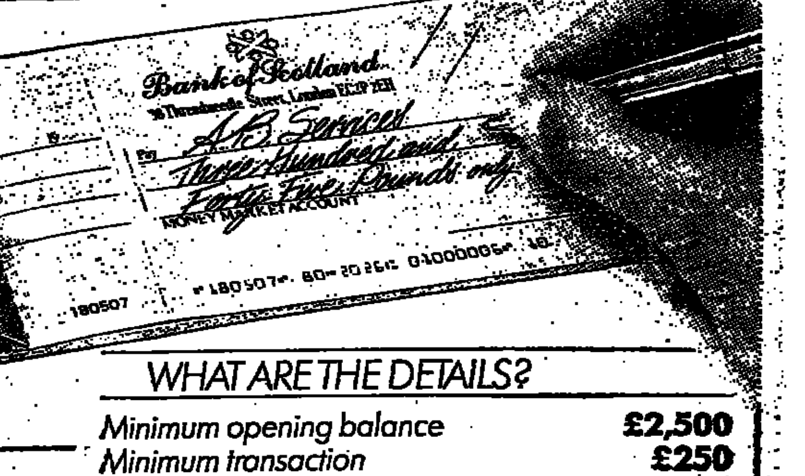

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BORROWERS STUCK WITH A DIFFERENTIAL

MOST building societies charge higher interest rates for larger loans, but the size of these differentials fluctuate. Two years ago when funds for lending were rationed, differentials were increased or re-introduced recently, with the societies flush with funds, differentials have had to be cut to attract new borrowers.

While it is galling to take out a mortgage when a size-related differential applies, up till now most building societies have played fair with such borrowers when differentials are subsequently reduced or scrapped. Existing borrowers benefit as well as new borrowers with the society.

Now, however, the Abbey National is breaking ranks. Its new interest rates came into effect yesterday, along with a revision on the differential rate band structure.

Until yesterday, borrowers of over £30,000 paid 1 p.c. above Abbey's basic mortgage rate. New borrowers are now being charged only ¾ p.c. above the basic for this size of loan.

But the cut will not apply to existing borrowers. If they were unlucky enough to borrow £30,000 from the Abbey during the two years when this differential system operated, they are still stuck with it.

The Abbey National says that "under 5 p.c." of their total number of borrowers, is affected by this move, but with one million borrowers, this could mean as many as 50,000 people.

If the Abbey's move became commonplace among societies, borrowers could find themselves placed in an almost impossible position. Until now, it has been accepted by societies that any interest rate moves that benefit their borrowers, apply to *all* borrowers, regardless of when they took their loan.

This is still the majority view: the Halifax, for example, says: "We have to be careful not to penalise our existing customers, as they don't have a choice. Potential borrowers can always try elsewhere if they don't like our terms."

The Woolwich, with no differentials at all, says it treats all its borrowers (no matter what size of loan, or when they entered the contract) the same. "It would be invidious to treat different classes of borrowers differently," says the society.

The Nationwide, which also has no differentials now confirms that its intention is to treat all borrowers equally, pointing out that: "apart from the public relations image, it makes the administration far simpler."

The Leeds Permanent, the other of the "Big Five", has always extended any benefit introduced for new borrowers to existing borrowers as well—but it does not go so far as to say that it has a policy on this.

The implications of the Abbey move are wide reaching. If this practice were adopted widely, it would mean that new borrowers should not just compare the current mortgage rates charged by different societies for the appropriate size of loan, but would have to calculate the chances of each society including them in a subsequent reduction of rates.

And while as a last resort borrowers can switch building societies mid-stream by re-mortgaging elsewhere, this is possible only if there is a general surplus of mortgage funds and available. And it can only be done at a price, which at its lowest will probably be £40 to £60 for a new valuation fee, plus anything between £100 and £200 for solicitors' fees.

The Building Societies Association is believed to be unhappy about the direction of events, though there is nothing direct that it can do about it.

The Abbey move is a dangerous precedent in what has previously been an orderly lending market. With societies now adopting a new policy of adjusting interest rates to ensure that mortgage demand is met, it would be too easy for any society to exploit borrowers by winning their custom at market rates, but leaving their repayments high when rates are cut to win a new generation of borrowers.

If next week leads to a new change in mortgage rates, the Abbey should use it to bring all its borrowers back in line.

Alfred Best wins last pound prize

IT IS DY 21 999416. The last known pound note in England. Since the Bank of England announced in November that it would be withdrawing pound notes at the end of last year, and since we then started our competition to fund the very last note, literally thousands of readers have written to us giving note numbers which they believe are the final pound.

And from all those numbers DY 21 999416 is the highest number that readers have found. It was located last December by semi-retired shop-worker Alfred Best in Ascot, and he won our £50 prize for finding the highest number before the Bank of England closed its shutters.

But in the whole of the past month, despite the continuing flow of entries for our competition, no one has managed to find a note to beat Mr Best's.

Mr Best thus wins our January prize, too, and another £50 is speeding its way to him.

A 9,900 p.c. gain on his £1 already cannot be a bad investment for Mr Best, but as we have always stated: it's not only our token prizes that the winner stood to collect—the person with the last pound note to be issued in the country has a valuable collectors' item which should be treasured, or at least sold profitably.

There is still the possibility of even later notes turning up, and while we would like to hear of them, our competition has now closed. Having gone for a whole month without finding a number higher than Mr Best's, it seems likely that Mr Best's note really is among the very last issued.

True, one would have expected the series to continue up to DY 21 999 999, but perhaps those final few hundred notes are already lost in change and handed back to banks.

If anyone did find a DY 22 note or a DY 23 or higher, or even a DZ, they could have something even more valuable than Mr Best's—but do check that it is signed by the current chief cashier, Mr D. H. F Somerset, not one of his predecessors.

It is still possible for later new notes to be issued by the high street banks too. Although the Bank of England is issuing no new pound notes, the local banks are quite entitled to use up their stock, and while it has not been flushed out yet, some branch could be hoarding notes from a later series than Mr Best's.

So congratulations to our winner, and thanks to the thousands of readers who have had fun playing

And for Scottish readers, perhaps we'll revive the game if your notes ever suffer the fate of those in England and Wales.

SOLID SIDE OF BES

THE Government introduced the Business Expansion Scheme as a way to encourage the public to invest in potentially risky ventures, but with a tax incentive as compensation.

Up to £40,000 of shares in qualifying companies can be bought each year from gross—not taxed—income, and that effectively brings down the cost of the shares.

A 50 p.c. taxpayer is buying shares at half price, for instance. A top rate taxpayer is buying at the equivalent of just 40 p.c. But after five years, the shares can be sold at their then full market value.

To a large extent the Business Expansion Scheme has worked. A stream of distinctly risky companies have been put on offer, and the tax incentive has persuaded the public to buy shares that it is highly unlikely they would have touched otherwise.

But whether you pay full price or half price for shares, they are worth exactly the same if the venture goes bust, and that inevitably must be the fate of many projects.

BES funds have thus been created to put investors' cash into a range of eligible companies in the hope that the winners at least average out the losers.

But there is now a new breed of companies offering shares under the BES, whose risk factor is much lower, even though the same tax breaks apply.

These are not high-tech electronics firms whose potential profits depend on pushing forward the frontiers of science, of creating markets for new products and always likely to be overtaken by some even more advanced venture. When problems arise, these companies have simply the lease on their premises, some unwanted stock and a lot of worthless goodwill.

This new breed of BES company is no pioneer: it simply operates steady businesses, proved by the marketplace for years. And they have assets: something solid in the balance sheet that remains even when the goodwill expires.

Such businesses can be garden centres, shops, hotels, restaurants, pubs or even hospitals. Technically they are trading businesses, but even if the pub was run unprofitably, or the restaurant failed to win customers, there would still be the premises in the business for whoever came in to take-over.

Assets-based BES schemes are not totally new, of course. This time last year investors were being asked to subscribe for shares in farming companies such as Formfield, or New Farm Estates, or Beechbank, the Hill Samuel B-E-S scheme which pulled in a massive £15 million.

The BES rules were drawn up specifically to stop the government schemes being used simply for property companies, or indeed, banking or other finance. The farming companies simply argued that farming is actually a business which simply happens to involve owning property.

But even if farmland prices have not taken off over the past year, such companies clearly have little downside unless land prices collapse, and any rise in values comes through tax efficiency to shareholders.

And in last March's Budget, the Chancellor changed the rules to exclude farmland specifically.

The route to minimising risk by buying property assets has thus been through these restaurant and hotel companies. An offer of shares in Country Gardens closed this week, for instance. This company, from the promotors of New Farm Estates, intends buying sites for garden centres in the South-East near the M3 and M4. Even if trading proved difficult, there are assets to fall back on.

And until Feb. 20, the public has the chance to put up to £1·4 million into Heathgate Restaurants, which is buying two or three properties round London to operate, on a franchise, fish restaurants under the famous Wheeler's name Wheeler's itself is owned by Kennedy Brookes, the public company, which will provide the management.

But there are more directly property-orientated BES companies too. Central City Conversions last year raised £5 million through the BES which will be used to buy central London houses that can be converted into flats and sold.

Most investors would see that as pure property development, but it gives them assets at a price subsidised heavily by the taxman.

Another company, developing retirement homes, has just raised £1·4 million from four BES funds: Granville, Electra, Causeway and Lazard.

And this week, two pure commercial property companies are offering shares under the BES. London & Bristol is promoted by Central City Conversion's promoter, Johnson Fry, who are again seeking £5 million.

A good management with proved skills intends developing offices in towns near the M4, and selling them to occupiers. By borrowing up to two-thirds of the cost, shareholders can benefit from gearing.

And bankers Guinness Mahon are offering £7·5 million of shares in Lockton Developments, which also had a strong management pedigree and a policy of developing commercial property, probably in the south. Lockton's gearing will be restricted to one-third of costs. Developments will be let and sold to City institutions.

It is no coincidence that Lockton's subscription lists close on March 12, and London & Bristol's two days later—just five days before Budget day.

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SUSSEX STAYS FAST

WHILE other building societies raised their mortgage rates yesterday, the Sussex County detected that rates could rise yet further and is holding off an increase until March 1. Next week will see the other societies deciding whether—or by how much—their mortgage rates will rise again.

Meanwhile, Barclays Bank has raised its mortgage rate by 1¼ p.c. to a basic 13¼ p.c., but is now officially charging differentials—an extra ½ p.c. over £15,000 and another ½ p.c. over £30,000. Natwest had already moved up to 12¾ p.c., but Midland and Lloyds have made no change. TSB, however, have raised their rate to a massive 15 p.c.

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WEST high-interest cheque-comes from Western & Savings, part of the Royal Bank of Canada: Minimum minimal balance must be £2,000 and there's no interest if it dips under £1,000 and the minimum cheque size in £200. The current rate is 12·31 p.c.

NO CHARGES

THE £100 minimum balance requirement for free banking was dropped yesterday, from the Alliance Building Society's and Bank of Scotland's BankSave account, so that there are now no charges so long as savers stay in credit. While the current account with the bank has always been topped up to £100 from the society account to avoid charges customers have found themselves in trouble when their savings level is down. Also salary cheques should be cleared through the BankSave account much quicker in future, removing another source of complaint.

JOB COVER

THE stipulation that loans had to be under three months old is now being waived for the Hamilton LoanGuard mortgage protection scheme. Hamilton pays up if unemployment, redundancy or physical disability prevent the householder meeting loan repayments. Even so, the job-loss cover does not start until 90 days after the insurance starts.

EXTRA BONUS

THE Leicestercards given to investors with more than £100 in the Leicester Building Society's share account or £500 in the Gold account now give a 5 p.c. discount on holidays from 30 companies booked through agents Page & May. There's also a 25 p.c. discount on Midas exhausts, 33 p.c. on Lucas parts and Sketchley price cuts plus a host of other price savers to enhance the interest paid.

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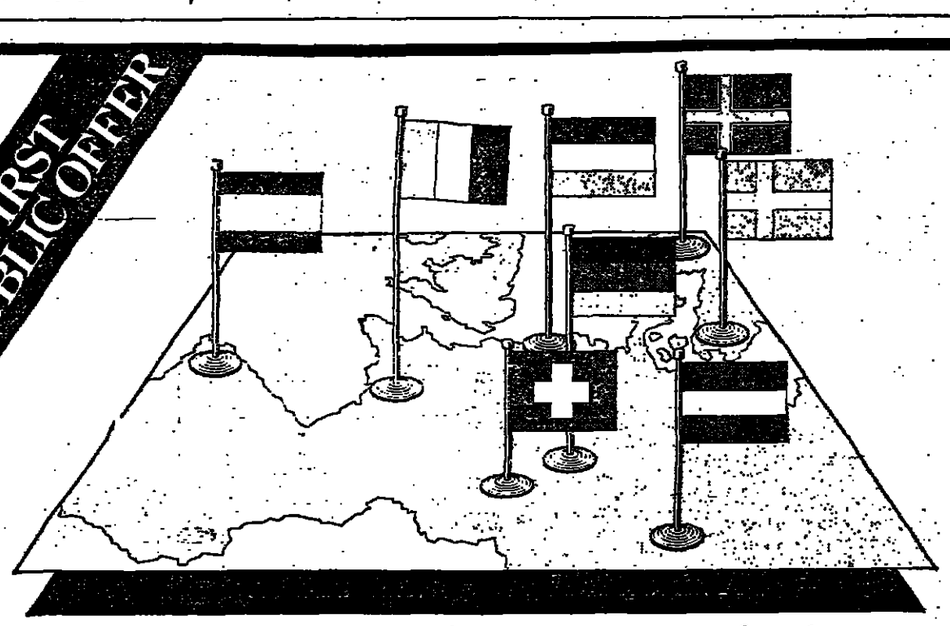

An investment idea whose time has come.

THE RIGHT AREA

Important developments are taking place on the Stock Markets of Continental Europe.

In many countries there has been a fundamental reassessment of the role and value of share investment as a means of financing industrial development. As a result, many new companies have been encouraged to seek quotations, and there has been a dramatic increase in international interest in European markets. Already Europe accounts for about 9.5% of the total value of world stock markets – and it is expected that this proportion will increase rapidly over the years ahead.

THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

A fundamental consequence of these changes is that the shares of many more small companies are now quoted on Europe's stock markets. And in several countries local equivalents of our Unlisted Securities Market have been developed specifically to help smaller companies come to the market.

Such companies often operate in technologically advanced industries and because of their size tend to be relatively free from external interference and to be able to continue to work on high profit margins. Elsewhere in the world, smaller companies have shown much greater than average growth – a fact clearly instanced by the long term performance of Henderson American Smaller Companies Trust which has achieved 304%* growth over the 6 years since its launch in 1978.

At Henderson we believe the time is right to invest in the smaller companies of Europe and we are now launching a new unit trust to enable you to do just that.

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The objective of Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust is to achieve above average growth through investment in the shares of companies quoted on the stock-markets of Europe (excl. the U.K.) and which have capitalisation of less than £60 million. The estimated gross annual yield will be 1.0%.

The trust will be managed by the same team that manages over £2.3 billion of investors' funds and which has an outstanding track record of international investment performance. The Henderson European Trust, for example, has (including reinvested net income) achieved an increase in value of 486%* over the last 10 years. At the present time, the Group currently has over £70 million invested in Continental Europe.

The managers plan to spread the new trust's portfolio broadly and to manage it actively. Initially, the portfolio is expected to be distributed: France 30%, Norway 25%, Germany 10%, Holland 10%, Sweden 5%, Switzerland 5%, Belgium 5%, others (including Spain, Denmark, Austria, Italy and Finland) 10%.

THE RIGHT IDEA

If you share our view that Henderson European Smaller Companies Trust is an idea whose time has come you can invest at the fixed launch offer price of 50p per unit, simply by returning the application form below, together with your cheque either directly to the managers or through your professional adviser **by Friday, 15th February 1985.**

You should remember however that the price of units in a unit trust and the income from them can go down as well as up and that you should regard your investment as long term.

*offer to offer basis net income reinvested to 2/1/85

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An initial charge of 5¼% on the assets (equivalent to 5% of the issue price) is made by the managers when units are issued. Out of the initial charge, managers pay remuneration to qualified intermediaries; rates available on request. The Trust Deed provides for an annual charge of 1½% (plus VAT) on the value of the Trust to be deducted from the gross income to cover administration costs.

Distributions of income will be paid on 10th December each year, net of basic rate tax.

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THE 19th A BARGAIN

ON MONDAY one of the most successful National Savings certificates ever, the 19th issue, starts maturing. The issue, which offered a tax-free rate of 10·33 p.c. compound over its five years, first went on sale on February 4, 1980, and there are currently some £2·6 billion tied up in this issue alone.

Holders of the 19th now face a decision whether to cash their certificates once they pass their fifth anniversary, or to hold them and accept the general extension rate of interest.

The general extension rate, sometimes known as the common extension rate, applying to many of the older certificates, including the 19th, increased yesterday to 9 p.c. free of tax. The answer, therefore, is clear: for the time being at any rate, this is one of the best bargains available, being equivalent to 12·85 p.c. gross for the basic-rate taxpayer and 22·5 p.c. gross for those paying tax at 60 p.c.

Savers should hold on to number 19 unless they really need the cash now, as they can scarcely find better terms elsewhere.

The general extension rate was introduced in June 1982 and now covers all old certificates from the 7th issue (first issued in November 1950). Before then each certificate had its own series of fixed extension terms, set for two, three or four years in advance (depending on National Savings' needs and its views on interest rates at the time).

So, for example, holders of the 7th issue may still be on a fixed extension term depending on when they bought the certificate: fixed terms apply for 44 years after the date of purchase, and the issue remained on sale until March 1947.

Post Office leaflet FI50W, details all the different extension terms applying to old certificates. It does not make easy reading: the fixed terms system becomes extremely complicated and there is no alternative to calculating exactly where your certificate stands in the time scale.

Suppose, for example, you had bought the 7th issue during 1945: it would now be entering its 43rd year, and for this year the applicable interest rate is 9·80 p.c., to be followed in year 44 by an even better rate of 9·97 p.c. That is definitely worth holding on to.

But if you have some 10th issue certificates, bought in February, 1963, you will be enjoying a rate of only 6·56 p.c. this year, to be followed by 6·92 p.c., 7·19 p.c. and 7·38 p.c. for the following three years. These should be swopped for the new 50th issue.

One point to remember before cashing any old certificate, is that interest is not credited on a daily basis. Most older issues, up to the 25rd, credit interest every four months from the anniversary of purchase. Disposals should be timed so that holders do not lose accrued interest. More recent certificates operate a similar system but on a three monthly basis. Ideally, sales should be made just after interest is credited, although certificates can be cashed in at any time, requiring eight working days' notice.

While it is difficult to generalise about certificates in middle age so to speak, there is no such problem with issues now entering their old age. National Savings certificates first went on sale in 1916 and ran through seven separate issues (numbers one to six plus a "conversion" issue) up to 1959.

These have no fixed extension terms, only a fixed increment, added each month. As the capital value of the certificate grows, so the relative worth of this fixed increment declines, and these issues currently offer a maximum interest rate of just 2 p.c., declining steadily over the years.

The first issue certificates currently pay a maximum of 1·28 p.c.—declining to 1·18 p.c. for those who bought them when they were originally issued.

There are £20 million locked away in these old issues: while that is not large relative to the £12 billion of certificates in issue, there could still be many investors losing out.

In the current uncertain conditions the extension rate may move more often to reflect the market. This could be true during the next 15 months, as the £2·6 billion of the 19th issue—which alone accounts for over 20 p.c. of all the money invested in National Savings certificates—comes to the end of its five year term.

By the same token, money that is now on the extension rate is effectively at up to three months' notice, and savers should constantly review their holdings as interest rates change.

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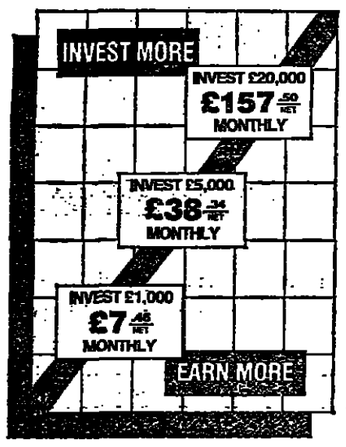

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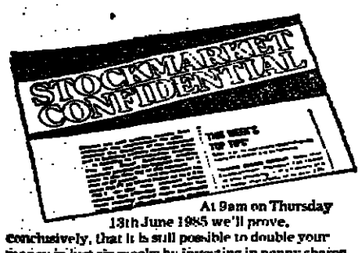

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Despite its innocuous appearance it is eagerly read on Thursday morning by a handful of investors up and down the country.

Some of these investors will be professional stockbrokers, heads of industry and other leading financial experts. Between them they may control, literally, millions of pounds.

Others will be smaller, private investors sometimes with as little as £500 or £1,000 with which to speculate.

But what every reader of Stockmarket Confidential has in common is the desire to discover what is likely to happen on the stock market that coming week.

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In Stockmarket Confidential we make buying and selling recommendations, offer sound investment analysis and, most important of all, suggest one or more "Hot Tips" for the week.

If you haven't acted on our "Hot Tips" by Thursday lunchtime you've missed the boat – other SMC subscribers will have already pushed prices up.

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WITH bank base rates bounding up yet again this week, the cost of credit is inevitably rising. But not everyone reacts in the same way, and the relative price of the different sources of finance changes too.

Overdraft rates have risen a full two points, for instance, this week, but life assurance loan rates have barely changed. Building societies remain a good source for the longer term borrower — though rates may rise again next week—but have none of the flexibility of credit cards, even if the cards do have a much higher interest rate.

But when rates are changing it even matters which credit card you use, if you have a choice. National Westminster, for instance, is increasing its monthly Access card rate from 1¾ to 2 p.c.—equating to 26·8 p.c. a year—from Wednesday.

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Save and borrow accounts are offered by the banks for those wishing to tie-in their savings with borrowing. These schemes offer flexibility and convenience, but at a price. The rate of interest paid to creditors is on the low side while the interest charged on any borrowing is around 20 p.c.

High street shops also offer a number of direct credit and hire purchase schemes which are backed by the finance houses. Monthly accounts must be paid off at the end of the month, while options accounts offer part repayment facilities. Interest is paid on the amount owed at the end of the month.

Another variation, the budget account, enables customers to spend up to, say, 20 times an amount paid-in each month. Interest is paid on the amount outstanding. This type of borrowing offers convenience, but ties the customer to one shop and can be very expensive. Ordinary hire purchase arranged by the retailer can also be expensive — and watch out for cheap interest but high prices and vice versa.

Guide to personal credit charges

	Annual p.c. interest rate	Policy duration / Repayment period
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Bank loans: Personal	21-24	Up to 5 years
Overdrafts	17-19	Continuous
Save & Borrow	11 if in credit; 21-25 if in debt	
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HOME OWNERS PAY UP AGAIN

Gillian Barton looks at the rising cost of insurance in the home and points to claims rising by one third.

IT HAS NOT turned out to be a very happy new year for Britain's 15 million homeowners. Not only are well over two thirds of them facing mortgage rate increases, but every householder is going to find it much more expensive to insure a home during 1985.

In some areas the cost of insuring the contents of a home is double last year's price with some homeowners getting less cover for their money.

Now householders everywhere are about to see the cost of protecting the actual bricks and mortar of their properties, as well as their possessions, rise sharply.

Several major house insurers have already announced a 6·6 p.c. increase in the rate for domestic buildings insurance, to take effect from the beginning of next month. They include Commercial Union, Legal & General, Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance.

General Accident says it will announce a similar increase some time in the spring, Guardian Royal Exchange and Norwich Union are still considering an increase.

For most householders the cost of insuring their home will rise from £1·50 for every £1,000 of cover to £1·60 when their buildings insurance policy next falls due for renewal.

Most household policies these days are linked to an index where the level of cover and, consequently, the cost of premiums rise automatically each year. So the recently announced increases in the cost of household insurance are "real" rises, coming on top of index-linked changes.

The combination of inflation-linked and real rises in insurance costs produce some pretty big increases.

Take the case of someone living in the London suburb of Twickenham. The rate for their contents insurance may well rise by 20 p.c. this year on top of an increase of around 3 p.c., in line with changes in the durable goods section of the retail prices index. That is a rise of 23 p.c. in the cost of insuring their possessions.

Add in a probable rise of 6·6 p.c. in their buildings insurance and a 5·8 p.c. increase in line with the rise in house rebuilding costs last year, and the total rise in this householder's insurance will be in the order of 35·5 p.c. during 1985.

This scale of increase may look bad enough, even though it is fairly typical. But the rise could have been even higher.

Insurance companies have been losing money hand over fist on their household accounts. It's been estimated that for every £100 received in premiums they've been paying out more than £123 in claims, commission and other expenses—and investment income has not been making up the difference.

Claims from householders have risen by a third over the past five years with subsidence, terrible winter weather and increasing claims-consciousness behind the surge. And total losses on this type of insurance business could well top £1,000 million for 1984, a record for the industry.

Insurance companies would have been happier with a much bigger increase, say, 20 p.c. to £1·80 per £1,000 of cover, but appear to have compromised at the lower figure after discussions on commission cuts with the building societies.

Building societies provide about 70 p.c. of the insurance companies' domestic buildings insurance business.

They insist homebuyers take out enough insurance to cover the rebuilding cost of a property when granting a mortgage. And they arrange the insurance, collect payments, deal with claims and send out renewal notices on behalf of insurance companies. In return societies earn commission, often as much as 40 p.c. of each premium. But things are changing.

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Year to 31 DECEMBER	INCOME M&G DIVIDEND	INCOME BUILDING SOCIETY	CAPITAL M&G DIVIDEND	CAPITAL BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	—	—	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1984	2,018	853	54,300	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society income figures are 1-2% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values.

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE of £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May, 1969, with net income reinvested.

Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1984	214,720	39,977	52,405	36,769

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 1-2% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values.

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Year to 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	19,534	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,947	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	47,537	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	81,843	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	200,813	61,600	62,494	49,931
1984	463,879	142,410	81,519	71,938

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COST OF COUNCIL CARE

OAPs

Joe Irving reports on local councils' right to take a legal charge on the property of elderly residents of old people's homes.

OLD people who move into council care face a rapid loss of their assets. When the full accommodation cost cannot be met out of income, savings must be used to help make up the difference. And unless a husband or wife continues to live in it, a house or other property is counted as capital.

The council cannot, however, enforce the sale of a house. But to cover any unpaid fees, it can take a legal charge on the proceeds when it is eventually sold.

Debts pile up when the amount paid by the resident each week falls short of the full accommodation fee. This can be £120 a week, more or less, depending on the local authority, but usually well beyond the incomes of most residents of old people's homes.

Some residents have only their basic State pension — at present £35·80 a week. This the council takes except for £7·15 a week which is returned for spending money.

Those with an occupational pension in addition to the State pension have to chip in that, too. So thrifty people who may have struggled to buy a home of their own and provide for their old age, end up no better off than those who go into council homes penniless, albeit through no fault of their own. Much acrimony is caused.

The way in which councils acquire assets is also open to criticism. Each £50 over £1,200 is deemed to have an income value of 25p a week. This is equivalent to an interest rate close to 26 p.c. . . . about treble what savings in a building society ordinary account currently earn—so capital must regularly be drawn upon to meet council fees.

In the case of an unsold house, the debt piles up at such a rate that it can rapidly eat into the value of the property. Take for example an old person who has only the state pension, but a house worth £31,200. The full council accommodation fee is, say, £120·65 a week.

After handing back pocket money the council collects only a weekly £29·65—a shortfall of £91. The house, after the first £1,200 allowance has been deducted, will be deemed to be producing income of £150 a week.

This is more than enough to cover the unpaid amount of fees, but the first year's total of nearly £5,000 marked up as a debt against the house, makes a substantial dent in its inheritance value. In the following year the "income" is assessed on the lower value, and so on in subsequent years.

The system comes under fire in the House of Commons on Tuesday when Tory MP Neil Thorne used his slot under the "ten-minute rule" to press for radical changes. Describing the present unregulated set-up under which people move into both council and privately run homes as "crazy" and "unfair," he made two major proposals.

One is that anyone moving into a council home for old people should have the right to transfer 50 per cent. of his or her assets to anyone who has lived with them for ten years or more.

The second proposal is more eyebrow-raising. He wants residents to have the right to purchase a share in the home. This would apply mainly to people with a house to sell.

The proceeds of the sale would be invested in the council premises, with the council eventually buying back. In the meantime, the property should have risen sufficiently in value to provide something for heirs, after any debt has been cleared.

Mr Thorne was spurred to parliamentary action by a case in his Ilford constituency. It concerns two unmarried sisters who lived in a house left by their parents in the name of the eldest, Evelyn Lane. When she died it was to go to her younger sister, Gladys.

Evelyn, now aged 86, entered a council home two years ago, run by the London Borough of Redbridge. As her total income of about £65 a week came nowhere near meeting the residential charge, now £126·63 a week, Gladys, aged 68, was persuaded to allow the sale of the house.

From the £28,000 proceeds, the council agreed to her buying a one-bedroom flat for £22,000. But it retained a legal charge on the flat in respect of any future unpaid accommodation fees of Evelyn.

The money the council received from the house sale was soon used up. Now, the charge on Gladys's flat is mounting at the rate of more than £60 a week, and the debt already stands at more than £3,000.

At this rate Evelyn has to live only a few years before the value of Gladys's flat is exhausted. Gladys is wondering what will happen then, in spite of an undertaking by the council to allow her to live in the flat until she dies.

Neither Gladys Lane nor Neil Thorne are critical of the Tory-controlled council. She says: "They have always been very good to me, and they are only carrying out their duty."

He says: "The council has an excellent reputation for tight budgeting in the interests of ratepayers. It's the system that's wrong."

So is there any action you, or a relative envisaging a move into council care in the near future, can take to preserve assets? It may not be an ideal solution, but the surest way is to hand them over beforehand to those you intend to benefit eventually. That way you may save other members of your family some future hardship and ill-feeling.

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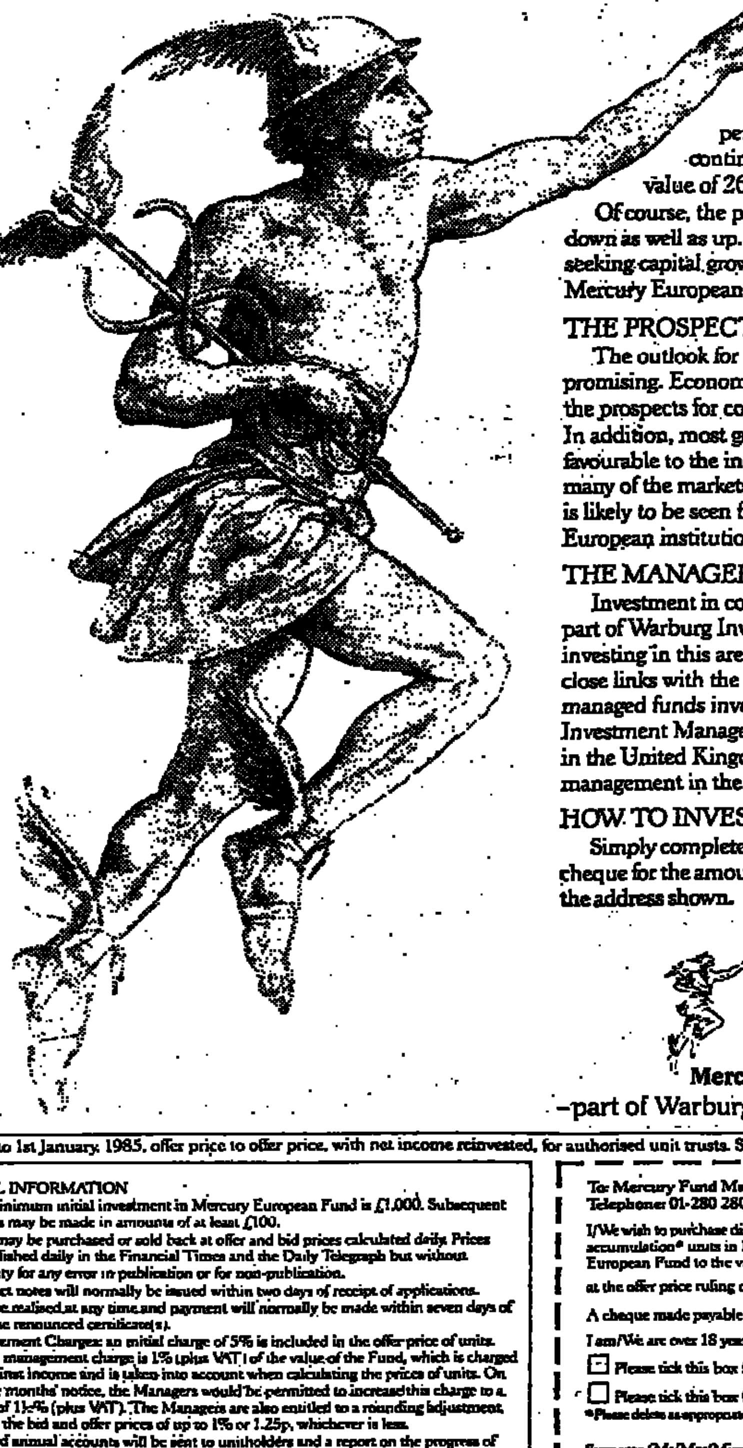

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The achievement is particularly notable because in the whole of 1984 three firms of fund managers failed to bring back the whole £3,000 given them at the start of the year.

Normally we would not rank the funds in any order of performance so early in the competition's 12 months because there is so little performance to report. At this time last year, every single fund chosen was showing a loss. This year we have ranked the managers, however.

Though that is not to say that things cannot change. The paper profits shown here could disappear, and the early success of a particular fund could prove short lived. Similarly there is still time for a sparkling performance from those showing a slow start.

The early top position of Schroder—1984's runner-up—stems from the 19 p.c. net gain in its United States Smaller Companies Fund. The American market generally has risen 6 p.c. last month, but the best world market has been Hongkong, which rose 16 p.c. in January, helping Britannia's trust invested there.

Italy's 12 p.c. gain aided some of the European trusts too, but in fact every major world stockmarket rose during the month, with the exceptions of South Africa and Singapore.

So while all the managers are doing well so far, they have had the stockmarkets with them. The real test comes in beating markets consistently and knowing when to move out of markets.

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Manager		Original investment	Value yesterday	Total
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	U.S. Small Comps	£2,000	£2,388	
Henderson	American Recovery	£3,000	£3,449	£3,449
Hill Samuel	European	£1,500	£1,620	£3,271
	Special Sits	£1,500	£1,651	
Fidelity	American Equity Inc.	£1,000	£1,065	£3,222
	Growth & Income	£1,000	£1,051	
	Japan	£1,000	£1,106	
Barclays Unicorn	Growth	£1,000	£1,135	£3,212
	Professional	£1,000	£997	
	Worldwide	£1,000	£1,080	
Britannia	Hong Kong	£1,500	£1,649	£3,200
	U.K. Growth	£1,500	£1,551	
Save & Prosper	U.K. Equity	£3,000	£3,150	£3,150
M&G	Compound	£2,000	£2,097	£3,127
	Gold & General	£1,000	£1,030	
TSB	Selected Opportunities	£3,000	£3,122	£3,122
Allied Dunbar	Capital Trust	£3,000	£3,093	£3,093

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4·96	3·88	ANZ Banking Group	4·73	3·39	−0·03
4·60	2·20	Ampol Exploration	2·26	1·62	−0·01
1·97	1·66	ACI International	1·90	1·36	−0·05
2·54	1·85	Aust. Paper Manufacturer	2·54	1·82	+0·06
0·87	0·23	Beach Petroleum	0·59	0·42	—
7·00	3·90	Bell Group	5·40	3·88	+0·21
3·75	3·45	Brambles	3·75	2·69	—
3·65	2·05	Bridge Oil	2·19	1·57	+0·05
5·90	4·61	Broken Hill Proprietary	5·25	3·77	+0·01
6·20	4·54	CRA	5·29	3·80	+0·01
4·40	2·73	CSR	3·00	2·15	−0·15
4·21	3·33	Coles G.J.	4·10	2·94	−0·07
3·54	2·25	Elders IXL	3·07	2·20	−0·03
3·95	1·75	Hardie (James) Inds.	2·99	2·15	−0·05
2·12	1·35	Hooker Corp	2·12	1·52	+0·02
2·50	1·79	ICI Australia	2·07	1·49	−0·02
5·82	4·07	Lend Lease	5·77	4·14	+0·10
4·14	2·31	Mim Holdings	2·66	1·91	+0·13
3·86	2·10	Mayne Nickless	3·16	2·27	—
2·25	1·22	Myer Emporium	1·93	1·39	+0·03
13·00	7·80	News Corp	12·15	8·72	−0·47
1·70	1·59	Nicholas Kiwi	1·70	1·22	+0·06
1·20	0·60	Oakbridge	0·65	0·47	—
2·18	1·70	P & O Australia	2·18	1·56	−0·03
2·10	1·26	Pioneer Concrete	1·73	1·24	+0·02
1·23	0·95	Q.C.T.	1·23	0·88	−0·01
4·40	2·45	Renison Goldfields	3·85	2·76	+0·04
6·96	5·02	Santos	5·24	3·76	+0·10
2·10	1·36	Thomas Nationwide Transport	2·03	1·46	+0·08
7·30	2·35	Weeks Petroleum	5·10	3·66	−0·06
4·50	2·67	Western Mining Corporation	3·28	2·35	+0·12
4·08	3·41	Westpac	3·54	2·54	—
1·36	0·85	Woodside Petroleum	0·88	0·63	−0·03
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In Scotland grants are generally only available for houses built or created by conversion before June 15, 1964. And rateable value limits are fixed for each local authority and range between £225 and £465.

The local authority assesses whether an application qualifies as a priority or non-priority case. In priority cases, the house will be in a particularly bad condition or in a Housing Action Area, or the works will be for the benefit of a disabled person. Everything else is classified as non-priority.

Priority cases in the London area can receive grants of up to 75 per cent of approved works up to a limit of £13,800; outside London the limit is £10,200. In very exceptional cases of hardship, grants of as much as 90 p.c. may be given. In General Improvement Areas the limit is set at 65 p.c. of approved costs.

Non-priority cases attract up to 50 p.c. (occasionally more, especially in cases where exceptional hardship is proved) of approved works up to a limit of £9,000 in London and £6,600 elsewhere.

Improvement grants, it must be stressed, are given at the discretion of the local authority, and sums awarded vary greatly.

● **Repairs Grants** are intended for substantial and structural repairs to houses built before 1919 (or 1956 in Northern Ireland). These would be major repairs, such as putting on a new roof or replacing a damp course. The maximum cost of the work is £6,600 in London and £4,800 elsewhere. The maximum rate of grant is 75 p.c. or up to 90 p.c. in cases of hardship.

For discretionary repairs, grants for owner-occupiers, homes in Greater London must have a rateable value of no more than £400; or £225 outside London. But, again, rateable value limits do not apply in Housing Action Areas.

● **Intermediate grants** are given where a basic-standard amenity is lacking, such as a kitchen sink or an indoor lavatory. These grants are mandatory.

Fixed amounts are available for various items, such as bath, washbasin and hot and cold water supply, up to a maximum total cost of £3,005 in Greater London and £2,275 outside London. Again, a percentage of the total figure applies— currently 75 p.c.

An intermediate grant can also include 75 p.c. of cost of works to a maximum of £4,200 in London, £3,000 outside, for additional repairs or replacements: replacing a damp course or putting on a new roof are the sort of things that qualify.

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In Scotland, 75 p.c. of the cost, up to a maximum of £6,750, is available for work specified in a notice issued by the local authorities, plus up to £2,500 for associated work.

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The designation "Town Scheme" is similar to that of a conservation area. It's an area that is considered particularly interesting or beautiful and worth preserving. Grants are administered by the local authority, to whom you should apply if you own a property in such a scheme. Usually, up to 50 p.c. of total costs can be awarded: half by the Commission and half by the local authority.

Most buildings which attract grants are listed, but not all. Buildings considered "outstanding" are either rare, such as an unaltered mediaeval structure, or important examples of their time, sometimes even 20th century. They are usually Grade I or Grade II listed buildings, but grading does not necessarily guarantee a grant.

Eligible houses in Town Schemes, or in conservation areas, can be much more modest. The important factor is what they contribute to the townscape. More often than not they are Grade II buildings.

There are no fixed upper limits for total costs of works. "Outstanding" buildings in private ownership normally attract up to 40 per cent. of costs.

Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland all have independent responsibility for restoration grants. The rules are very similar across the U.K. with the same two designations of buildings and areas. All three set no fixed upper limits on grants they give.

In Wales a new body, "Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments" is responsible for grants, although recommendations on the actual grants are still made by the Historic Buildings Council for Wales. (Cadw is Welsh, meaning "to keep or conserve.") On average, 50 per cent. of eligible costs are paid for work on "outstanding" buildings and 35 per cent. for those in conservation areas.

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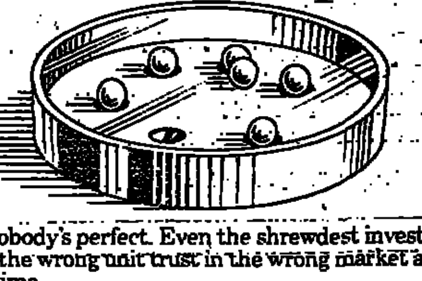

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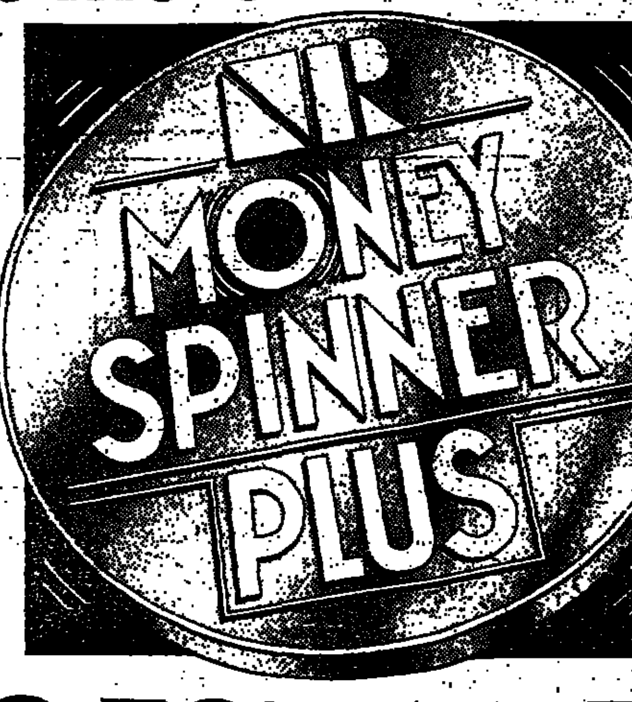

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John Andrew describes the reasons for buying government securities and how to obtain them.

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While the majority of transactions are conducted through a conventional stockbroker, there is an alternative for almost anyone wishing to invest moderate sums in gilts—dealing through the National Savings Stock Register at the bonds and stock office. There are two main advantages for doing so: the rates of commission for buying and selling are very attractive and interest is paid gross, with no tax deducted.

Whereas a stockbroker's minimum rate for a bargain up to £2,500 is 0·8 p.c. plus VAT, subject to a minimum payment of £7 plus VAT, the stock and bond office charges only £1 on the first £250 of a buy transaction and 50p for every additional or part £125 thereafter. The office's commission is inclusive of VAT.

Therefore, a £500 investment in gilts made through a stockbroker will cost £8·05. A charge of only £2 will be incurred if the same transaction is conducted through the office. With such a large differential, it is well worth thinking about buying gilts this way. As interest is paid gross, it is also very attractive to non-tax payers.

What are the disadvantages? The Bonds & Stock Office cannot undertake to buy or sell at any specified price or on any particular day. Consequently, the investor does lose some degree of control. The Office simply undertakes to conduct any transaction "as soon as practicable".

By dealing with a stockbroker, the investor at least has a say as to when the transaction will take place. Also, provided the bargain is above a certain figure, generally £500, a proviso as to the price will also be accepted. In other words, one can say "Buy — but do not pay more than £95 per £100 nominal value".

When dealing with the Stock Office it is not even possible to guarantee that a transaction will take place on a certain day. A deluge of orders to buy and sell gilts arriving on the same day can mean delays, and there is only one method of communicating with the office — by mail.

Telephoned orders, while accepted by a stockbroker from a known client, are not permitted by the bond and stock office.

However, investors need simply go to a post office and obtain an investment application form and a special prepaid green envelope addressed to the Bonds & Stock Office, Blackpool.

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Not all government stocks can be purchased on the National Savings Stock Register, but a good range are available, as can be seen by the accompanying table.

Selling through the stock office is equally easy. A signed sale application form and the investment certificate is sent in a green envelope to the bond and stock office. Again, copies are obtainable at post offices. The commission charged is the same as for a purchase save that the commission on realisations of less than £100 is 10p for every £10 or part thereof.

Remember that although government stocks are called gilts because the Government is the most reliable borrower of all, this does not mean that the price of its stock does not fluctuate.

The price of gilts is inversely related to market interest rates. In other words, if rates rise, gilt-edged prices will fall. However, the interest received on a holding will remain constant.

Gilts on the National Stock Register

STOCK	INTEREST PAYABLE:	
15 p.c. Treas. 1985	Feb. 22	Aug. 22
3 p.c. Treas. 1985	May 11	Nov. 21
8½ p.c. Treas. 1984–1986	Jan. 10	July 10
13¼ p.c. Exch. 1987	Jan. 22	July 22
6½ pc. Funding 1985–1987	May 1	Nov. 1
7¾ p.c. Treas. 1985–1988	Jan. 26	July 26
2 p.c. Index-linked Treas. 1988	March 30	Sept. 30
3 p.c. British Trans. 1978–88	Jan. 1	July 1
10½ pc. Treas. 1989	June 14	Dec. 14
5 p.c. Treas. 1986–1989	April 15	Oct. 15
13 p.c. Treas. 1990	Jan. 15	July 15
2 p.c. Index-linked Treas 1990	Jan .25	July 25
8½ p.c. Treas. 1987–1990	June 15	Dec. 15
11¾ p.c. Treas. 1991	Jan. 10	July 10
5¾ p.c. Fund. 1987–1991	April 5	Oct. 5
12¼ p.c. Exch. 1992	Feb. 25	Aug. 25
13½ p.c. Exch. 1992	March 22	Sept. 22
6 p.c. Fund. 1993	March 15	Sept. 15
13½ p.c. Treas. 1993	May 23	Nov. 23
14½ p.c. Treas. 1994	March 1	Sept. 1
9 p.c. Treas. 1994	May 17	Nov. 17
12 p.c. Treas. 1995	Jan. 25	July 25
12¾ p.c. Treas. 1995	May 15	Nov 15
9 p.c. Treas. 1992–1996	Mar. 15	Sept. 15
15½ p.c. Treas. 1996	May 3	Nov. 3
13¼ p.c. Exch. 1996	May 15	Nov. 15
3 p.c. Redemption 1986–1996	April 1	Oct. 1
13¼ p.c. Treas. 1997	Jan. 22	July 22
8¾ p.c. Treas. 1997	March 1	Sept. 1
6¾ p.c. Treas. 1995–1998	May 1	Nov. 1
15½ p.c. Treas. 1998	Mar. 30	Sept. 30
9½ p.c. Treas. 1999	Jan. 15	July 15
12¼ p.c. Exch. 1999	Mar. 26	Sept. 26
13 p.c. Treas. 2000	Jan. 14	July 14
9 p.c. Con. Stock 2000	Mar. 3	Sept. 3
14 p.c. Treas. 1998–2001	May 22	Nov. 22
13¾ p.c. Treas. 2000–2003	Jan. 25	July 25
3½ p.c. Fund. 1999–2004	Jan. 14	July 14
12½ p.c. Treas. 2003–2005	May 21	Nov. 21
2 p.c. Index-linked Treas. 2006	Jan. 19	July 19
8 p.c. Treas. 2002–2006	April 5	Oct. 5
2½ p.c. Index Treas. 2011	Feb. 23	Aug. 23
5½ p.c. Treas. 2008–2012	Mar. 10	Sept. 10
7¾ p.c. Treas. 2012–2015	Jan. 26	July 26
2½ p.c. Index Treas. 2016	Jan. 26	July 26
4 p.c. Consols	Jan. 26	Aug. 1
3½ p.c. War Stock	Feb. 1	Dec. 1
3½ p.c. Conversion Stock	June 1	Oct. 1
2½ p.c. Treas. 1975 or after	April 1	Oct. 1
2½ p.c. Consols	April 1	Oct. 1
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MONTHLY SAVINGS 9.00% = 12.85%

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76.8	46.8	Abb. Ame. & Far Tst	71.9	76.8
66.4	57.9	Abb. Comd. & Ener.	60.4	65.0
112.9	86.6	Abbey General Tst	103.2	110.4
125.6	114.3	Abbey Gilt & F. Int.	119.3	125.6
76.9	58.6	Abbey H. Inc. Fd. T.	69.8	74.3
188.1	127.2	Abbey Japan Trust	175.1	187.3
73.4	57.2	Abbey UK Gwth.	68.1	73.2
173.0	147.4	Abb. Worldwide BT.	160.9	171.2
170.2	128.8	Equitas Prog. Tst.	157.1	168.0

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1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
65.4	49.5	American Majors Fd	60.5	65.0
168.1	110.5	American Tech. Fd.	146.6	156.3
52.0	35.3	Energy Fund	31.9	33.6
462.0	390.3	Exempt	452.0	462.0
76.2	58.5	Japan Tech Fund	68.6	73.3
166.0	124.2	Pacific Fund	157.1	167.0
131.1	110.1	Secure Income Fund	120.3	128.0
31.4	25.5	Small Companies Fd	29.4	31.3
182.4	146.4	Special Sits. Fund	167.3	179.3

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ARCHWAY UNIT TST. MNGRS.
221.5 | 171.5 | Archway Fund ...... 201.5 | 215.4

ATLANTA UNIT TRUST MNGRS.
59.3 | 43.6 | Japan & Far East ... 55.1 | 56.5

BARCLAYS UNICORN [illegible]

BARING BROS. & CO.
485.6 | 402.2 | Stratton Trust ...... 474.7 | 483.6
726.5 | 585.0 | Stratton Tst. Accum ...... 698.6 | 726.5

BRIDGE FUND MANAGERS [illegible]

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BROWN SHIPLEY & CO. [illegible]

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT CO.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
172.2	139.9	General Fund	161.9	169.3
264.4	197.6	General Accum.	248.7	260.0
80.5	65.5	Income Fund	72.6	76.7
131.0	106.1	Income Accum.	119.4	125.6
125.9	93.8	International Fund	120.4	125.9
162.9	120.2	International Accum	155.8	162.9

CANADA LIFE UNIT TRUST MNGRS.
95.2 | 72.3 | Canlife Gen. Dist. ... 88.7 | 93.4
145.2 | 109.4 | Canlife Gen. Accum. 135.3 | 142.5
37.0 | 32.1 | Can. Gilt & Fix Int. 33.0 | 34.7
64.5 | 52.3 | Canlife Income Dist 60.5 | 63.7

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LTD.
255.2 | 198.6 | Income ...... 257.5 | 252.7
142.3 | 106.7 | Far East ...... 130.8 | 139.1

CATER ALLEN UNIT TRUST MNGRS.
112.2 | 103.0 | Cater Allen Gilt Tst. 99.6 | 105.8

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS [illegible]

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT.
173.7 | 125.6 | Growth ...... 159.7 | 167.5

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD. [illegible]

EQUITABLE UNITS

Daily prices as at 1 February 1985
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LIMITED
57-63, Princess Street, Manchester M2 4EQ. 061-236 5685

Authorised Unit Trust Prices

	Bid	Offer	Yld %
Far Eastern	51.5	54.8	0.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	46.7	49.7	9.84
High Income	51.7	55.1	6.07
North American	54.7	58.2	2.70
Pelican — see UT Information Service			
Special Situations	52.2	55.6	3.20
Tst of Invst Tsts	52.5	55.9	1.85

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
4, Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AP. 01-606 6611.

Insurance Fund Prices

	Bid	Offer
Far Eastern	102.2	107.6
Fd of Invst Tsts	103.8	109.3
Gilt & Fxd Int	94.9	99.9
High Income	102.9	108.3
Managed	98.8	104.0
Money	95.9	100.9
North American	101.1	112.2
Pelican	100.8	106.1
Property	95.9	100.0
Special Situat'ns	103.6	109.0

Pension Fund Prices

	Bid	Offer
Pens Far Eastern	104.2	109.7
Pens Fd of Invst Tsts	106.3	111.9
Pens Gilt & Fxd Int	94.9	99.9
Pens High Inc	105.1	110.6
Pens Managed	100.4	105.6
Pens Money	96.4	101.5
Pens Nth-Amer	110.7	116.5
Pens Pelican	101.9	107.3
Pens Property	94.2	101.3
Pens Spec Sits	103.8	111.4

CRESCENT GROUP

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	60.7	Crescent American	72.2	77.2
62.3	46.5	Crescent Capital Fd.	58.0	63.0
[illegible]	61.5	Crescent Grwth & Inc	97.9	103.1
[illegible]	67.9	Crescent High Dist.	77.7	83.1
[illegible]	154.8	Crescent Intnl	174.2	186.3
112.9	90.7	Crescent Tokyo Fd.	107.5	115.0

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD. [illegible]

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MNGMT. [illegible]

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LTD. [illegible]

EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST [illegible]

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD. [illegible]

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD. [illegible]

FINLAY (JAMES) UNIT TST. MNGMNT. [illegible]

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGMT. [illegible]

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT UNIT MNGMT. [illegible]

G. & A. UNIT TRUST MNGRS. [illegible]

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS [illegible]

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS [illegible]

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MNGMT. [illegible]

GRIEVESON MNGMNT.—GRIEVESON FUNDS [illegible]

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MNGRS. [illegible]

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION [illegible]

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGMT. [illegible]

KEY FUND MANAGERS [illegible]

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS. [illegible]

LAWSON FUND MANAGERS [illegible]

LEGAL & GENERAL TST. MNGRS. [illegible]

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS. [illegible]

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT [illegible]

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LIMITED [illegible]

MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LTD. [illegible]

McANALLY FUND MNGMENT LTD [illegible]

MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS [illegible]

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS [illegible]

MIDLAND BANK GP. UNIT TST. MNGRS.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
69.1	47.9	Capital	63.3	67.5
92.1	54.8	Capital Accum.	83.6	89.1
147.2	114.4	Commod. & General	125.9	134.2
198.3	153.9	Commod. & Gen. Acc	170.6	181.9
[illegible]				

MINSTER FUND MANAGERS [illegible]

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD. [illegible]

M. & G. GROUP [illegible]

MUTUAL UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT & MNGMT. [illegible]

JOHNSTONE UNIT TST. [illegible]

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INV. [illegible]

N.E.L. TST. MANAGERS [illegible]

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP [illegible]

OPPENHEIMER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD. [illegible]

PEARL TRUST MANAGERS [illegible]

PERPETUAL UNIT TST. MNGMNT. [illegible]

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS [illegible]

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRST MGRS LTD [illegible]

QUILTER MANAGEMENT CO. [illegible]

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD. [illegible]

RIDGEFIELD MANAGEMENT [illegible]

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MNGMNT. [illegible]

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT [illegible]

ROYAL LIFE FUND MNGMNT. LTD. [illegible]

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD. [illegible]

SAVE & PROSPER SECURITIES [illegible]

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD [illegible]

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MNGRS. [illegible]

SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD. [illegible]

STEWART UNIT TST MNGRS. [illegible]

SUN ALLIANCE FUND MNGMNT. [illegible]

M & TARGET FUND MNGRS LTD. [illegible]

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS [illegible]

TEMPLE BAR UNIT TRUST MNGRS. [illegible]

TOUCHE, REMNANT UNIT TRUST MAGMNT. LTD. [illegible]

TRANSATLANTIC & GEN. SECS. [illegible]

T.S.B. UNIT TRUSTS [illegible]

TYNDALL MANAGERS [illegible]

UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT & MNGMT. [illegible]

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD [illegible]

WIELER (ANTHONY) & CO. [illegible]

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.) [illegible]

BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

BARCLAYS UNICORN INTNL (I.O.M.) [illegible]

BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD. [illegible]

CANNON ASSURANCE [illegible]

CHIEFTAIN ASSURANCE [illegible]

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE [illegible]

above prices for policies issued after 1.11.1980

COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP [illegible]

CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE [illegible]

CORNHILL INSURANCE [illegible]

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP [illegible]

CROWN LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

EAGLE STAR INS. MIDLAND ASS'CE [illegible]

EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASS'CE [illegible]

FRIENDS PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE [illegible]

G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS [illegible]

G R E LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD [illegible]

GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD [illegible]

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY [illegible]

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASS'CE.) [illegible]

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

LLOYD'S LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

LONDON & INDEMNITY & GENERAL INSURANCE [illegible]

LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED [illegible]

LONDON LIFE MANAGED FUNDS LTD. [illegible]

LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP [illegible]

MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INS. CO. [illegible]

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASSURANCE [illegible]

M. & G. GROUP [illegible]

N E L PENSIONS LTD. [illegible]

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE Plc. [illegible]

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP [illegible]

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASS. CO. [illegible]

PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE [illegible]

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOC. OF LONDON LTD. [illegible]

PROVIDENCE CAP. LIFE ASS'CE [illegible]

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASS'CE [illegible]

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE CO. LTD. [illegible]

PRUDENTIAL PENSIONS LTD. [illegible]

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LTD. [illegible]

RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE [illegible]

ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT [illegible]

ROYAL INSURANCE GROUP [illegible]

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD. [illegible]

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP [illegible]

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP [illegible]

SCOTTISH AMICABLE INVESTMENTS [illegible]

SCOTTISH WIDOWS FUND & LIFE [illegible]

SKANDIA LIFE ASS. [illegible]

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INS. [illegible]

SUN LIFE ASS. CO. OF CANADA (U.K.) [illegible]

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD. [illegible]

TARGET LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

TEACHERS ASSURANCE [illegible]

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INS. CO. [illegible]

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

TYNDALL ASSURANCE LTD. [illegible]

VANBRUGH LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

WARBURG INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (IOM) LTD. [illegible]

WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

* Ex-distribution.
‡ Based on offer prices.
WX Ex-withdrawal.

SAVER'S CHOICE

THE two-point rise in bank base rates on Monday demonstrated the speed with which different savings anticipate moves or react to them.

Some income bonds, for instance, are paying less this weekend than they did last, because they had already anticipated the upward jump. Midweek some bonds were offering more than 10 p.c., but as market interest rates fell, those bonds were withdrawn as quickly as they had appeared.

The banks, meanwhile, have tended to add the full two points of the base rate move to their savings accounts, so that the Co-op and Citibank (on deposits over £2,000) are now paying 14 p.c. on the high-interest accounts, while the building societies, which have yet to react at all, still have gross equivalent rates of under 13 p.c.

Schroder Wagg even moved its high interest rates twice during the week, but Britannia's 2½ p.c. jump is the highest.

Watch out next week for whether the banks can cut their base rates a little, what the building societies do when they meet on Friday, and then, how National Savings will react to increased competition. Most of last week's announced new rates have yet to be implemented.

BANKS

Deposit rates, nominal	Barclays 11½pc	Lloyds 11½pc	Midland 11pc	Natwest 8½pc	Ryl Bk of Scot. 9pc	Bk of Scot. 9pc

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax p.c.	30pc tax p.c.	40pc tax p.c.	50pc tax p.c.	60pc tax p.c.	Investment limits Minimum £	Maximum £
BARCLAYS								
Deposit account (v)	11·50	11·50	8·05	6·90	5·75	4·60	—	—
1-month term (v)	13·00	13·80	9·66	8·28	6·90	5·52	—	—
3-month term (f)	12·75	13·37	9·36	8·02	6·69	5·35	—	—
6-month term (f)	12·50	12·89	9·02	7·73	6·45	5·16	—	—
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK (v)								
Service account	3·00	3·00	2·10	1·80	1·50	1·20	—	—
Deposit account	11·00	11·00	7·70	6·60	5·50	4·40	—	—
Term deposit 1 year	11·00	11·00	7·70	6·60	5·50	4·40	—	—
NATIONAL GIROBANK (v)	9·00	9·20	6·44	5·52	4·60	3·68	—	—

NATIONAL SAVINGS

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
Investment account (v)	12·25	12·25	8·56	7·35	6·13	4·90	—	50,000
INDEX-LINKED CERTS (v) (1)	4·60	4·60	4·60	4·60	4·60	4·60	10	10,000
30th ISSUE SAVINGS (f) (from February 13):								
Held for 1 year	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	25	5,000
Held for 2 years	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	—	—
Held for 3 years	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	—	—
Held for 4 years	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	—	—
Held for 5 years	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	—	—
Common extn. rate	9·00	9·00	9·00	9·00	9·00	9·00	—	—
YEARLY PLAN (f):								
1-year	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	20 per month	100
2-year	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	—	—
3-year	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	—	—
4-year	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	—	—
5-year	9·28	9.28	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	—	—
DEPOSIT BONDS from March 13 (v)	12·75	12·75	8·93	7·65	6·38	5·10	250	50,000
INCOME BONDS (v)	12·75	13·37	9·36	8·02	6·69	5·35	2,000	50,000

BUILDING SOCIETIES

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
Ordinary account (v)	7·50	7·64	7·64	6·55	5·46	4·36	—	30,000
7-day (v) Halifax	8·75	8·94	8·94	7·66	6·39	5·11	500	30,000
28-day (v) Halifax	9·00	9·20	9·20	7·88	6·57	5·26	500	30,000

MONEY FUNDS

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
Western Trust 1-month (f)	12·50	13·24	9·27	7·94	6·62	5·30	2,500	50,000
HFC Trust 3-month (f)	12·75	13·15	9·21	7·89	6·58	5·26	2,500	100,000
Lombard N Central 1-yr (f)	11·00	11·30	7·91	6·78	5·65	4·52	1,000	100,000

HIGH INTEREST BANK ACCOUNTS

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
Bank of Scotland (v)	12·30	13·42	9·39	8·05	6·71	5·37	2,500	—
Barclays Prime (v)	11·50	12·00	8·40	7·20	6·00	4·80	2,500	—
Co-op Cheque + Save (v)	12·25	12·62	8·83	7·57	6·31	5·05	1,000	—
Lombard N Central (v)	14·00	14·75	10·33	8·85	7·38	5·90	2,500	—
Midland (v)	12·60	13·20	9·24	7·92	6·60	5·28	2,000	100,000
Britannia (Cater)	13·50	14·36	10·05	8·62	7·18	5·74	2,500	—
M&C Kleinwort (v)	13·50	14·40	10·08	8·64	7·20	5·76	2,500	—
Save & Prosper (v)	13·10	14·00	9·80	8·40	7·00	5·60	1,000	—
Schroder Wagg (v)	13·75	14·65	10·26	8·79	7·33	5·86	2,500	—
Tyndall (v)	12·00	12·55	8·79	7·53	6·28	5·02	2,500	—

DEPOSIT FUNDS

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
UDT 7-day (v)	11·63	12·15	8·51	7·29	6·08	4·86	5,000	250,000
Lombard N Cent 14-day (v)	12·75	13·15	9·21	7·89	6·58	5·26	2,500	—

INCOME BONDS

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
2-year Gen. Portfolio	8·70	8·70	8·70	7·90	7·00	6·20	—	—
3-year Gen. Portfolio	9·10	9·10	9·10	8·20	7·40	6·50	1,000	—
4-year Gen. Portfolio	9·40	9·40	9·40	8·50	7·70	6·80	—	—
5-year M&G	9·50	9·50	9·50	8·55	7·66	6·65	—	—

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
1-year Worthing	10·25	10·51	7·36	6·31	5·26	4·20	1,500	—
2-year Bolton	11·00	11·30	7·91	6·78	5·65	4·52	500	—
3-year Lambeth	11·25	11·57	8·10	6·94	5·79	4·63	500	—
4-year Lambeth	11·50	11·83	8·28	7·10	5·92	4·73	1,000	—

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS (f) (01-920 0501 after 3.30 p.m.)

GILTS

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	Minimum £	Maximum £
Exchequer 13¼ 1987	12·50	13·32	8·32	7·99	6·66	5·33	—	—
Treasury 13¼ 1997	12·00	12·36	8·65	7·42	6·18	4·94	—	—
Treasury 7¾ 2012-15	10·00	10·25	7·18	6·15	5·13	4·10	—	—

Return (f) Fixed; (v) Variable.

1—Return based on the increase in the RPI for the year to December 1984. The index value applicable to the repayment of index-linked certificates during February 1985, is 358·5. A 3 p.c. bonus is payable if units are held until November. The same rates apply to the now closed S A Y E scheme.

☐ THE table (above) shows two rates of interest for each savings scheme: the nominal rate which should be used in companies' advertisements, and the annual percentage rate (A P R) which is the effective return if interest is re-invested as received. The more frequently that interest is paid, the higher the A P R. For example, if the clearing bank deposit rate was 8 p.c. nominal the investor depositing £100 would actually have £4 credited to his account after six months, and £4·16 credited after the next six months. So after a year the £100 would have grown to £108·16, giving an A P R of 8·16 p.c.

The following table consists of those Unit Trusts and Insurance, Property, Bonds, which are either valued monthly or quarterly.

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

MINSTER FUND MANAGERS

Name	Bid	Offer
Minster Exempt	208·2	214·2

TRADES UNION TRUST

Name	Bid	Offer
T.U.U.T.	128·0	134·8

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

BLACK HORSE LIFE ASSURANCE

Name	Bid	Offer
Black Horse Bond	269·58	—
Balanced Fd	231·8	244·0
Cash Fd.	146·6	155·3
Energy Intnl	105·8	111·4
Extra Inc. Fd.	218·4	229·9
Fixed Interest Fd	153·1	161·2
Income Fd	236·3	248·8
Intnl. Technology Fd	292·9	308·4
Managed Inv. Fd.	196·5	206·8
North America & Gen	186·5	196·3
Property Fd	159·5	167·9
Small Co's & Recovery Fund	257·7	271·3
Worldwide Growth	250·4	263·6

CANTERBURY LIFE ASS'CE

Name	Bid	Offer
Exempt Managed Fd	179·0	189·0
Managed Fd.	192·0	205·0

CHIEFTAIN ASSURANCE

Name	Bid	Offer
Cash	138·4	145·7

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE [illegible]

CONFEDERATION LIFE INS. CO. [illegible]

CORNHILL INSURANCE [illegible]

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP [illegible]

CROWN LIFE [illegible]

CRUSADER INSURANCE [illegible]

FAMILY ASSURANCE SOCIETY [illegible]

GARTMORE INVEST. MANAGEMENT [illegible]

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE INS. CO. LTD. [illegible]

GUARDIAN R.E. [illegible]

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

IRISH LIFE ASS'CE

Name	Bid	Offer
Prop. Modules	277·9	292·5
Prop. Modules Gwth.	373·5	393·1

LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

Name	Bid	Offer
Balanced Portfolio	64·3	65·6
Capital Growth Fund	61·7	63·0
Capital Secure Fund	130·7	135·4

LEGAL & GENERAL ASSURANCE [illegible]

LANGHAM LIFE ASS'CE [illegible]

LLOYDS LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

MGM ASSURANCE [illegible]

NEL PENSIONS [illegible]

NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP [illegible]

OAKLIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

PEARL ASSURANCE (UNIT FUNDS) [illegible]

PHOENIX ASSURANCE [illegible]

PIONEER MUTUAL INS. CO. [illegible]

PROPERTY EQUITY & LIFE ASS'CE [illegible]

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE [illegible]

RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE [illegible]

SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASS'CE CO. [illegible]

ST. GEORGE ASSURANCE CO. [illegible]

STALWART ASSURANCE CO. LTD. [illegible]

TARGET LIFE ASSURANCE [illegible]

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SIVARAMA NOW KEY TO INDIA'S LAST CHANCE

By *MICHAEL CAREY in Kanpur*

ENGLAND'S bowlers predictably had their work cut out in the fifth Test at Kanpur's Green Park yesterday and after Azharuddin had achieved his historic century and Vengsarkar his first of the series, India went on to amass 525 for seven.

This, their highest total ever against England, is an accurate reflection of the grudging rewards granted to bowlers of all types so far by this mild pitch.

Yet it was not until the final session, when they made 117 from 23 overs, that India were able to produce the aggression needed by a side requiring victory to square the series.

The growing abandon with which *Shastri, Vengsarkar* and finally and perhaps a little too late, Kapil Dev approached *their task suggested that India* will not want to bat on after today's rest day.

The key to the entire series, then, will probably depend on the duel between England's batsmen and Sivaramakrishnan's leg-spin and whether the absence of bounce—it was, if anything, slightly lower yesterday—nullifies his mesmerism.

The scoreboard

INDIA—First Innings

*S. M. Gavaskar, b Cowans	9
K. Srikkanth, c Downton, b Foster	84
M. Azharuddin, c Ellison, b Cowdrey	122
M. Amarnath, b Cowans	15
D. B. Vengsarkar, c Downton, b Foster	137
A. Malhotra, lbw, b Pocock	27
R. J. Shastri, b Edmonds	59
Kapil Dev, not out	41
†S. M. H. Kirmani, not out	5
Extras (b 9, lb 12, w 5)	26
Total (7 wkts)	525

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-169, 3-209, 4-277, 5-362, 6-457, 7-511.

To bat: L. Sivaramakrishnan, G. S. Sharma.

ENGLAND.—*D. I. Gower, G. Fowler, R. T. Robinson, M. W. Gatting, A. J. Lamb, C. S. Cowdrey, †P. R. Downton, R. M. Ellison, P. H. Edmonds, N. A. Foster, P. I. Pocock, N. G. Cowans.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Cowans	33	9	98	2
Foster	31	8	112	2
Pocock	24	2	79	1
Edmonds	48	16	112	1
Cowdrey	21	1	103	1

Umpires: P. D. Reporter and V. K. Ramaswamy.

* Captain. † Wicketkeeper.

England tour: W. Indies wait

In Kingston, Jamaica, last night a West Indies cricket Board official said that they were aware of reports from Pakistan concerning the next England tour, with Pakistan prepared to replace England.

The official added: "I understand it is the intention of the Board to issue a statement early next week."

Given a repeat of the positive and disciplined attitude they have already shown, England's batsmen ought to be capable of operating sensibly on the front foot and laying the foundations of success.

Before my crystal ball clouds over through excessive optimism, let us return to the events of yesterday which, alas, contained not only the odd lapse in the field but one of temperament by Edmonds, who aimed a kick at the stumps and removed the bails when a misfield by Pocock cost four runs off his bowling.

This, coming late in a tiring and modestly rewarding day, was probably due to frustration more than anything else. Umpire Reporter drew David Gower's attention to the episode and I imagine the England manager, Tony Brown, will deal with it as firmly as he has other isolated temperamental outbursts on this tour.

At that point, India had at last got on top. For a long time earlier it looked as though their target of 500 would remain a distant pinnacle, not least when Edmonds and Pocock, more harmoniously, were bowling 20 overs in one hour which cost a mere 54 runs.

Foster forgotten

Oddly enough, Pocock was not seen again after helping to impose these restraints. Nor did Foster bowl until after tea following six economic overs in the first hour and when he did he removed Vengsarkar in his first over.

These quirks, oversights or possible tactical ploys apart, England had much to be satisfied about, though overall the day will be remembered for Azharuddin's achievement in becoming the first batsman to make a hundred in each of his first three Tests.

There were handshakes all round, with the entire England team involved, and even a message from the Indian Prime Minister ("Congratulations on your outstanding and unprecedented achievement — we are all proud of you") but even this historic moment could not jog the Indian innings to the tempo it required.

Timing has not always been straightforward on this pitch and Azharuddin had not regained his touch when he was comfortably caught at mid-wicket by Ellison, substituting for Fowler, who had a stiff neck, and the early stages of Vengsarkar's innings were tentative against Cowans.

Under the circumstances it was perhaps surprising that Malhotra, in his first game of the series, was required to appear next with acceleration the main objective and he understandably could not change his normal method before he was lbw sweeping at Pocock.

Mixed fortune

Thereabout, Vengsarkar, when 79, seemed fortunate to survive a similar fate against Pocock and India would have had more problems if Shastri, at five had not been dropped by Pocock off Edmonds attempting a skimming catch on the long-on boundary which was perhaps hard to sight out of the crowd.

Thus encouraged Shastri abandoned his usual elegance for some improvised strokes to meet his side's needs and after reaching his ninth hundred in 76 Tests, Vengsarkar took 14 off an Edmonds over and started to look fluently dangerous.

By tea, India had still only made 180 from 57 overs but while Cowans bowled a tightish spell at one end, Cowdrey lacked the same control at the other, which tended to emphasise Foster's long absence from the firing line.

When he returned he had Vengsarkar caught behind driving lavishly after a stay of some six hours, but Shastri completed 50 from 79 balls and Kapil 41 from 29, which must have gratified England that he had not appeared earlier, before Shastri was bowled heaving at Edmonds in the day's penultimate over.

Boxing

McGuigan's man in offer to Pedroza

By KEN MAYS

BARNEY EASTWOOD has flown to Panama City to make an offer to Eusebio Pedroza, the World Boxing Association featherweight champion, to go to Belfast to defend against Barry McGuigan later this year.

Eastwood will be at the ringside tonight to watch Pedroza, 31, make his 19th defence of the title against fellow Panamanian Jorge Lujan.

Then he hopes to begin negotiations with Pedroza on Monday along with Trevor McLintock, the Smirnoff reperesentative who is expected to provide the majority of the six figure fee that will be required to persuade him to visit Ireland.

Pedroza who won the title from Cecilio Lastra of Spain in 1978, has won 37 of his 42 fights, including 23 inside the distance, and is odds-on favourite to win this time but Eastwood is prepared to negotiate with Lujan if he should bring off a surprise win.

The plans, however, could all be ruined on Feb. 20, for McGuigan is due to meet Juan Laporte, the former WBC champion from Puerto Rico and without doubt his most dangerous opponent yet. Defeat before 7,000 already sold-out seats at the Kings Hall, would demand a rethink.

Keith Wallace, the former Commonwealth flyweight champion, makes his return to the ring as a bantamweight when he meets late substitute Felipe Morales of Mexico at the Dolphin Centre, Darlington, this afternoon.

Wallace, from Liverpool, who has lost two of his last three contests in the past 15 months, is boxing for the first time since his June defeat by Peter Harris, determined to retrieve what at one time looked an exciting career.

The promotion is another in the "Fight of the Month" schedule by ITV and will be shown live which means even more exposure for Errol Christie.

Christie tackles Nestor Flores of Panama who, after a series of 16 straight wins, was beaten in his last two and should not prove too much trouble for the Coventry boxer.

Christie, however, will be reminded of his one-round defeat by Jose Seys and that he was put on the canvas in the first round by Gonzalo Montes last time out before winning in the third round.

Womens' Lacrosse

SOUTH START FAVOURITES

South, the holders, go into the first weekend of the All England Territorial Championships at Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton, today as favourites to win the title for the third successive year.

The first game this morning will test their ability when South captain and Welsh international, Vivian Jones, leads her team against tough rivals, North, captained by England goalkeeper Barabara Dootson.

But both sides will be watching West closely. They are led by Lois Richardson and have half the Scottish team in their side. Timetable:

Today: 10.15 South v North. 11.45 Midlands v Combined Universities; 13.15 East v West; 14.45 South South v CU. Tomorrow: 10.15 North v West; 11.45 South v Midlands; 13.15 East v CU; 14.45 Midlands v West.

Rugby's secret plans

As Twickenham and Murrayfield finally open the door on the 1985 International Championship, secret developments in the Southern Hemisphere will shortly dictate the future direction of world rugby.

In tomorrow's SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, JOHN REASON uncovers details of these far-reaching plans, previously under close wraps in New Zealand and Australia . . . and also follows the precarious fortunes of England against France.

Meanwhile, RICHARD SHARP sees Scotland, 1984 Grand Slam champions, start off against the Irish.

Sheffield Wednesday and Norwich are in the big-time, too. COLIN MALAM and JOHN MOYNIHAN talk to managers Howard Wilkinson and Ken Brown about the highs and lows of Cup-tie commitment.

Lawn Tennis

BATES SLIPS ON CARPET TO SWEDE

By BILL EDWARDS

THE carpet court and Sweden's Peter Lundgren again combined to spell defeat for Jeremy Bates in the Lawn Tennis Association's Satellite circuit at Matchpoint, Bramhall yesterday. The Swede took only 61 minutes to win 6-2, 6-4.

This was the third time Lundgren had beaten Bates at Matchpoint. Their other meetings, both won by Bates, were on a synthetic surface.

Unbeaten Lundgren has now won the first two of the four tournaments on the circuit and, with 42 points at the halfway stage, is in a strong position. Bates won the circuit last year but this time is trailing in joint third place.

Net errors

Bates had a poor start yesterday, losing the first five games. He appeared to get stronger when he pulled back two games and; after dropping the set, he took a 3-0 lead in the second.

He also had points to lead 4-0 but was eased out by some strong serving from the Swede.

In the next game Bates made two net errors and, after losing, threw down his racket at the changeover and never got back into the match.

Lundgren teamed up with Eriksson to win the doubles for the second week. They beat Ivo Werner and Jarek Srnehsky, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-4.

L T A SATELLITE CIRCUIT (Bramhall).—Finals: Singles: P. Lundgren (Sweden) bt J. Bates (GB) 6-2, 6-4. Doubles: P. Lundgren & S. Eriksson (Sweden) bt I. Werner & Jarek Srnehsky (Switzerland) 6-4, 6-4.

Cricket

ZAHEER BOOSTS POOR PAKISTAN

Zaheer Abbas dominated a poor Pakistan batting performance on the first day of the touring side's three-day match at Wellington yesterday.

Zaheer, standing in as captain, made 92 out of Pakistan's total of 217 for nine declared. At the close Wellington were 22 without loss.

PAKISTAN—First Innings

Mohsin Khan, c Maguiness, b Cresswell	12
Qasim Omar, c McSweeney, b Chatfield	20
Rameez Raja, c McSweeney, b Chatfield	7
Salim Malik, b Chatfield	1
Zaheer Abbas, c Vance, Gray	92
Wasim Raja, st McSweeney, b Gray	19
Abdul Qadir, st McSweeney, b Gray	6
Anil Dalpat, c & b Coutts	4
Tahir Naqqash, c Maguiness, b Gray	20
Iqbal Qasim, not out	16
Mohsin Kamal, not out	8
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 2)	6
Total (9 wkts dec.)	217

Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-35, 3-44, 4-57, 5-98, 6-116, 7-128, 8-179, 9-198.

Bowling: Chatfield 27-5-60-3; Cederwall 9-0-42-1, Maguiness 16-4-42-0, Gray 29-8-63-5, Larsen 2-1-1-0.

WELLINGTON—First Innings

I. G. Boyle, not out	16
E. J. Gray, not out	2
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (no wkt)	22

Bowling: Naqqash 3-1-8-0; Kamal 2-1-3-0; Qasim 2-1-1-0; Qadir 2-0-6-0.

France, in final practice in the shadow of Windsor Castle yesterday, plot a royal display against England at Twickenham today.

France carry too many big guns

By *JOHN MASON*

THE need to pick a careful path through critical minefields has not unnerved England's players. But even they were startled to learn yesterday that in one quarter they start favourites against France at Twickenham today.

The assessment was politely offered by Jacques Fouroux, France's coach, at the end of his squad's light training at Windsor yesterday. His audience smiled disbelievingly.

In confirming that France had completed the hard work at home, Fouroux suggested that England had to be favoured because they had beaten Rumania and were playing at home.

There was a handsome compliment, too, for Rob Andrew, England's outside-half, regarded by Fouroux as the key player in the winning of the match. England's front five were strong in the scrummage, too.

Inquiries as to French strength were delicately parried, Fouroux contenting himself with the pronouncement that when smaller at the line-out than the opposition it is necessary to jump higher.

Gentle stretch

While the French gently stretched legs on a mild morning in the shadow of the Castle, England were similarly engaged at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, the home long ago of Walpole, who would have enjoyed plotting the downfall of the French.

Richard Greenwood, England's coach, volunteered yesterday morning that the dress rehearsal had not been an epic performance. It was hard not to agree though the Thursday afternoon session did advance the team's cause.

Logic demands that France will win again at Twickenham, nowadays far from being the ground at which the French dreaded playing. They possess a team stockpiled with ammunition.

Twice this season Blanco has reminded British followers of his intuitive skills and devastating running. Only Lavigne, the left-wing, is not well known here in a back division that will stretch English reflexes to the full.

Championship debut

Lavigne is new to the championship but at 30 has seen much renowned service for Agen as centre or wing. England, in contrast, introduce eight to a Five Nations match for the first time.

Dooley, England's middle jumper, is in company he has only read about previously. He will lack for neither heart nor good advice and if he bridges the gap he and the selectors deserve the gratitude of England's at times fickle rugby public.

ENGLAND

15—C. R. Martin (Bath)
14—S. T. Smith (Wasps)
13—K. G. Simms (Cambridge Univ)
12—P. W. Dodge (Leicester) (capt)
11—R. Underwood (Leicester)
10—C. R. Andrew (Cambridge Univ)
9—R. M. Harding (Bristol)
1—P. J. Blakeway (Gloucester)
2—S. E. Brain (Coventry)
3—G. S. Pearce (Northampton)
4—J. Orwin (Gloucester)
5—W. A. Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers)
6—J. P. Hall (Bath)
7—D. H. Cooke (Harlequins)
8—R. Hesford (Bristol)

Replacements: 16—C. R. Woodward (Leicester). 17—G. H. Davies (Wasps). 18—R. J. Hill (Bath). 19—A. Sheppard (Bristol). 20—A. Simpson (Sale). 21—M. Teague (Gloucester).

FRANCE

15—S. Blanco (Biarritz)
14—P. Esteve (Narbonne)
13—P. Sella (Agen)
12—D. Codorniou (Narbonne)
11—B. Lavigne (Agen)
10—J.-P. Lescarboura (Dax)
9—J. Gallion (Toulon)
1—P. Dospital (Bayonne)
2—P. Dintrans (Tarbes) (capt)
3—J.-P. Garuet (Lourdes)
4—F. Haget (Biarritz)
5—J. J. Condom (Le Boucau)
6—J. Gratton (Agen)
7—L. Rodriguez (Mont-de-Marsan)
8—D. Erbani (Agen)

Replacements.—16—B. Herrero (Toulon). 17—P.E. Detrez (Nimes). 18—J.-C. Orso (Nice); 19—P. Berbizier (Lourdes) 20—L. Pardo (Montferrand). 21—G. Laporte (Graulhet).

Referee: D. I. H. Burnett (Ireland).

DEANS CAN EASE PACK PROBLEMS

By GEORGE MACKAY

SCOTLAND today open the defence of the Five Nations' Championship, which they won in the grand manner, against Ireland at Murrayfield with an anxious eye on the weather, fearful that rain-laden winds might blow their strategy apart.

Roy Laidlaw, restored to a captaincy he did not relish two years ago, admitted at his side's final run-out yesterday that unless the wind died down Scotland, and indeed Ireland, might be forced to re-think.

Colin Telfer, who again has succeeded his illustrious namesake Jim as senior coach, believes Scotland have the experience in the crucial midfield area to vary their game according to the situation.

Although only three of the pack which completed the Grand Slam against France on a memorable March afternoon take the same field today, for various reasons, Mr Telfer says that squad practices have ensured that all the players are conversant with their roles.

Intriguing duel

Scotland's front five are relatively inexperienced and will look to Colin Deans to knit them together.

The Scottish hooker's duel with Ciaran Fitzgerald, his British Lions captain and rival, is not to be the least intriguing aspect of the match.

The return of Rutherford, the most influential back in the Scottish game, adds authority to a potentially exciting back division which includes new caps in Murray, an adept pupil of Jim Renwick at Hawick, and Tukalo, the dashing Selkirk wing.

Given the right conditions both sides can play fast, fluent football but so often international rugby boils down to a goal-kicking contest. Dods, scorer of a record 50 points last season, should tip the balance in Scotland's favour.

SCOTLAND

15—P. W. Dods (Gala)
14—G. R. T. Baird (Kelso)
13—K. T. Murray (Hawick)
12—K. W. Robertson (Melrose)
11—I. Tukalo (Selkirk)
10—J. Y. Rutherford (Selkirk)
9—R. J. Laidlaw (Jedforest) (capt.)
1—G. M. McGuinness (West of Scotland)
2—C. T. Deans (Hawick)
3—M. A. Rowan (Boroughmuir)
4—A. J. Campbell (Hawick)
5—T. J. Smith (Gala)
6—J. H. Calder (Stewart's-Melville)
7—J. Jeffrey (Kelso)
8—J. H. Beattie (Glasgow Acads)

Replacements.—16—J. Aitken (Gala). 17—G. J. Callander (Kelso). 18—I. A. M. Paxton (Selkirk). 19—I. G. Hunter (Selkirk). 20—D. S. Wyllie (Stewarts'-Melville). 21—P. D. Steven (Heriot's).

IRELAND

15—H. P. MacNeill (Oxford Univ)
14—T. M. Ringland (Ballymena)
13—B. J. Mullin (Dublin Univ)
12—M. J. Kiernan (Lansdowne)
11—K. D. Crossan (Instonians)
10—P. M. Dean (St Mary's)
9—M. T. Bradley (Cork Cons)
1—P. A. Orr (Old Wesley)
2—C. F. Fitzgerald (St Mary's) (capt.)
3—J. J. McCoy (Dungannon)
4—D. J. Lenihan (Cork Cons)
5—W. A. Anderson (Dungannon)
6—P. M. Matthews (Ards)
7—N. J. Carr (Ards)
8—B. J. Spillane (Bohemians)

Replacements.—16—M. Fitzpatrick (Wanderers). 17—H. T. Harbison (Bective R). 18—R. W. McCall (London Irish). 19—R. C. Brady (Queen's Univ). 20—R. P. Keyes (Cork Const). 21—P. I. Rainey (Lansdowne).

Referee.—S. Strydom (S. Africa).

Table Tennis

DOUGLAS UPSET BUT FIGHTS ON

By JOHN WOODFORD in Barcelona

SPANISH food upset Desmond Douglas on the first day of the European Top Twelve Round Robin tournament in Barcelona yesterday.

In the first of 11 rounds, Douglas was defeated 21-7, 21-19, 21-16 by the Swedish former European champion, Mikael Appelgren, who proved much too steady as Douglas attempted to apply the pressure. Douglas in the second round then beat the young Russian Andrei Mazunov, 21-13, 21-13, 21-12.

Douglas needs to concentrate to play well. This was not possible with 2,000 noisy Spanish spectators applauding the defensive antics of Jacques Secretin on the next court, a slippery floor and a naive playing schedule that fell an hour behind by eight o'clock.

Mazunov, victor over Douglas in the Welsh Open, was well beaten this time. The Russian could not cope with the reflex speed of Douglas's old-fashioned blocking shots.

Special diet

All the players in the tournament, are being fed with a special high protein diet at their hotel, with no alternative menu. Douglas was the first to say: "The food we are being given is rubbish Salads do not provide enough energy."

England's captain, Don Parker, who, like all the coaches, is separated from the players in the hotel restaurant, was also unhappy with the feeding arrangement, which have been concocted by the Spanish Table Tennis Association without consultation with European Table Tennis Union officials.

FIRST ROUND. — M. Appelgren (Sweden) bt D. Douglas (England) 21-7, 21-19, 21-16. 2nd Rd: Douglas bt A. Mazunov (USSR) 21-13, 21-13, 21-12.

3rd Rd: Douglas bt E. Lindh (Sweden) 21-11, 21-18, 21-14.

Bowls

WENNINGTON BEATEN 21-2

By Our Bowls Correspondent

MAL HUGHES and John Wennington demonstrated two facets of international competition in the Darlington two-day tournament, promoted for the overseas players in the Embassy World Indoor Championships next week, and hand-picked England internationals.

Hughes, the holder of 18 England indoor appearances, has not been chosen for the 1985 Hilton Cup team. Clearly free of pressure, he beat Derek Bell 21-14 and followed with a 21-15 win over Tom Buller.

Wennington, capped in 1981 but omitted in 82/3/4, has been recalled to the England team. Clearly anious about the responsibility he faces, he never found the length while losing by 19 shots against Buller and was later trailing 16-17 against Cliff Simpson, who won the two-hour time limit.

Overseas Group.—C. Bransky (Israel) 21, R. Jones (Canada) 13; D. Peoples (Australia), 21, K. Slight (NZ) 18; G. Souza (Hongkong) 21, G. Tredant (Jersey) 6; Peoples 21, Bransky 14; Slight 21, Tredant 10; Souza 17, Jones 16.

England Internationals.—M. Hughes 21, D. Bell 14; R. Richardson 21, C. Simpson 12; T. Buller 21, J. Wennington 2; Hughes 21, Buller 15; Bell 18, Richardson 16; Simpson 17, Wennington 16.

Ski-ing

Zurbriggen soon finds top gear

By ALAN SMITH in Bormio

AFTER the eclipse of his young compatriot, Michela Figini, on Thursday, Pirmin Zurbriggen proved that form can work out in yesterday's downhill race for the men's combined title at the World Alpine Ski Championships in Bormio.

Sliding down the sun-softened course—which was 95 metres shorter than the course for tomorrow's downhill proper—the Swiss was half a second slower than the best at the first timing point.

But then he went into top gear, and at the place where timing matters he showed that the recovery so complete, but dent to his knee in Kitzbuhel, and the operation which followed.

It is difficult to believe that the recover yis so complete, but Zurbriggen insists that he feels no pain. "It is fine now," he says. Certainly it does not affect either his intention to race or the devastating way he does it. His considerable religious faith has obviously been needed during the past two anxious weeks.

"I didn't think I would be here," he said. No doubt, the euphoria of the winner's podium will do the rest.

Fewer fears

He has still to get there, but Tuesday's second half of the combined race, the slalom, will hold fewer fears or problems for him than most of his rivals.

It was Zurbriggen's prowess in combined ratings that won him the overall World Cup last season, and indeed until this season he had not scored in a downhill race. This time he has taken three already, and is confident of success tomorrow.

He said he likes to take part in all three disciplines, downhill, slalom and giant slalom, adding: "It would be boring to do just one."

His team-mate Peter Luescher, also a useful all-rounder, was second.

Spectacular mishap

Martin Bell had his best run of the season into 20th place, and it could have been improved, and possibly taken him into the top dozen but for the most spectacular mishap of the race in the lower reaches.

Landing over the final jump, Bell lost his balance, nearly went over backwards and expected, he said later, to catch an edge and fall.

He managed to drag himself forward again and kept going through the finish, but certainly lost time. He said he had been concentrating so hard on getting a fast line out of the final turn that, "stupidly, I just forgot about the jump until it was too late to prepare myself for it."

Bell, 20, from Harrogate where his mother, Jean, now acts as instructor on the artificial ski slope, added that he had been delighted with his new pair of skis on which he was racing for the first time. Certainly his earlier times justified his enthusiasm.

He is looking forward to tomorrow's downhill with higher morale than he has shown for some weeks, and even though the opposition will be a lot tougher, with more of the downhill specialists in action, he could improve mightily on his latest World Cup performances.

Nigel Smith, who celebrated his 21st birthday the day before—"only with water and cake" said team manager Elspeth Crossley-Cooke—lost time when he went into some soft snow, and Mark Blyth was the second-best Briton.

MEN'S WORLD CH-SHIP. — Combined Downhill: P. Zurbriggen (Switzerland) 2min 00-56sec, 1; P. Luescher (Switzerland) 2-00-56, 2; P. M. Wasmaier (W. Germany) 2-01-59, 3. British: M. Bell, 2-05-65, 20; M. Blyth, 2-05-08, 30; N. Smith, 2-05-66, 34. F. Burton, 2-07-56, 41.

Yachting

'TAG' PULLS TO VICTORY IN SQUALLS

By DAVID PELLY in Martinique

BY winning the final 63 mile race in convincing style, the 80ft catamaran Formule Tag, skippered by Mike Birch, clinched the Grand Prix de la Martinique.

She had little opposition on the final race from Fort de France to St Lucia and back. The boat expected to challenge her in open water, the 85ft Fleury Michon VII, was still out of commission following a starting line collision on Tuesday.

The only other catamaran that has managed at times to stay ahead of Tag, Sofatie Socomav Quebec, sailed this week by Yves Pajot, suffered a series of gear breakages and dropped out of contention.

Choppy conditions

The 60ft catamaran, Region de Picardie, led at the start but in choppy conditions with frequent squally rain storms sweeping through, Tag pulled away into an enormous lead on the beat back from St Lucia.

The handsome green and white Formule Tag, which is sponsored by the same Canadian-based Arab consortium that is active in Grand Prix motor racing, has been the undisputed star of the week—an enormous credit to her English designer/builder, Nigel Irens, who is hard at work on a new boat for the Round Britain race.

Just as important as speed in these highly-stressed boats is reliability and Mike Birch's careful preparation has paid dividends.

In contrast, Robin Knox-Johnston's 60ft catamaran British Airways has suffered from a continual stream of irritating breakages culminating in a broken main halyard in the final race.

He now intends to cruise home to England in order to give the boat a thorough refit in time for the Round Britain race in July.

RACE 7: Class 1—Formule Tag (M. Birch, Canada); Class 2—Santa Maria (J. M. Leoras, Spain); Class 3—Destination St Croix (J. Petith, US). Overall (unclassified).— Formule Tag 1; Sofatie Socomav Quebec (Y. Pajot, France) 2; Region de Picardie (A. Petit Etienne, France) 3; (British) British Airways (R. Knox-Johnston) 7.

Australia Games

GOODE RACES TO TITLE

English badminton champion Andy Goode took 30 minutes to win the men's title at the Australia Games in Melbourne yeterday with a 15-6, 15-7 victory over Mike Scandolera, of Australia.

Experienced Jane Sutton had high hoes of making it a double success for England but she was soundly beaten 11-4, 11-2 by Thailand's Ladawan Mulsartsathorn who is only 14.

England's netball team produced a splendid 26-21 victory over Trinidad and Tobago in their opening match of the Games, while Australia and New Zealand drew 22-22.

International, Cup & Club rugby matches

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

England v France (2.30) (Twickenham)
Scotland v Ireland (2.30) (Murrayfield)

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP—3rd Rd

W. Hartlepool v Moseley (2.15)

CLUB MATCHES

Abertillery v Aberavon
Birkenhead Pk v Otley
Cardiff v Ebbw Vale
Exeter v Cheltenham (2.45)
Glamorgan Wdrs v Plymouth A.
Haddington v Boroughmuir (11)
Halifax v Morley (2.30)
Hartlepool R. v Durham C. (2.30)
Headingley v Richmond (2.30)
Hull & E.R. v Middlesbrough (2.30)
Llanelli v Bridgend
Liverpool v Sale (2.45)
L. Scottish v Leicester (11)
L. Welsh v Sth Wales Police (11.30)
Manchester v Sheffield (2.30)
Melrose v Langholm (11.30)
Newport v Tredegar
Nottingham v Northern
Nuneaton v Bradford & Bingley
Orrell v Broughton Pk
Royal High v Hawick (11)
Roundhay v Gosforth (2.30)
Rugby v Weston-s-Mare (2.30)
Sth Glamorgan Inst. v Cross Keys (2.30)
Swansea v Bedford (6)
Stewart-Mel. F.P. v Glasgow A. (11.45)
The Army v Cambridge Univ. (12.0)
Vale of Lune v Birmingham (2.30)
Waterloo v Coventry (2.45)

LONDON & SOUTH EAST

Ranbury v Stockwood Pk. Basingstoke v Newbury. Ringlestade v Cambridge. Bognor v Eastleigh. Brentwood v Westcombe Pk. Brixton v London Welsh Druids. Camberley v Marlow. Canterbury v Betteshanger CW. Chiltern v Aylesbury. Civil Serv v Thorntonians. Ealing v Keresely. Finchley v Twickenham. Fullerians v Sudbury. Guildford & Godalming v O. Reigatians. Henley v Chester. Hertford v Chingford Leighton Buzzard v Ampthill. London Hosp v Maidstone. O. Alleynians v Shirley Wands. O. Colfeians v Upper Clapton. O. Emanuel v Askeans. O. Gaytonians v R.C. Narbonnais.

Reading v High Wycombe. Redingensians v Cinderford. Romford & Gidea Pk v Colchester. Slough v O. Abbotstonians. Southend v Maidenhead. West London Inst v Staines.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE.—Salisbury v Bournemouth.

HERTS MERIT TABLE. — Hemel Hempstead v Cheshunt. Welwyn v Tabard.

LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE.—Havant v Woodford.

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE. — Crowborough v Eastbourne. Lewes v East Grinstead. Sussex Police v Brighton.

TRUMAN MERIT TABLE. — John Fisher OB v O. Freemens. KCS OB v Tiffinians. Beccehamians v Mid-Whitgiftians. Brentwoods v Edwardians (Romford). Grammarians v Ignatians. Guildfordians v Reedonians. Haileyburians v B'nes. Kingsburians v St Nicholas OB. Suttonians v Bevonians.

MIDLANDS

BANKS & SILVERS MERIT TABLE.—Kettering v Kenilworth.

CARLING LAGER MERIT TABLE.—Stoke v Hinckley. Walsall v Stourbridge.

HEART OF ENGLAND MERIT TABLE. — Long Buckby v Oadby Wyggestonians.

CLUB MATCHES.—Barker's Butts v Longlevens. Bedford A. v Stoneygate. Burton v Edwardians. Chesterfield v York. Coventry Welsh v Leicester Extras. Dudley Kingswinford v Loughborough. Five Ways OE v Nuneaton OE. Grimsby v Paviors. Lichfield v Westleigh. Shrewsbury v Newcastle (Staffs) Stratford v Witney. Sutton Co'dfie'd v Derby. Tamworth v Towcester. Vipers v Redworth. Wigston v Peterborough. Worcester v Camp Hill.

SOUTH WEST

BASS MERIT TABLE. — St Ives v Exeter Univ.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE. — Penzance-Newlyn v Newquay Hornets, Truro v Launceston.

CORNWALL JUNIOR GROUP CUP.—3rd Rd: Saltash v Helston.

DEVON MERIT TABLE.—Paignton v Tiverton. Sidmouth v Newton Abbot. Ilfracombe v Exeter Saracens. Withycombe v Totnes.

CLUB MATCHES. — Barnstaple v Penryn. Dorchester v Exmouth. Exeter v Cheltenham. Falmouth v Brixham. Plymouth Argaum v Bodmin. St Austell v Okehampton. Taunton v Solihull.

WEST

BASS MERIT TABLE. — Avon & Somerset Police v Lydney.

CLUB MATCHES.—Bristol Saracens v Saintbridge FP. Cleve v Gordon Lge. Coney Hill v Matson. Dings Crusaders v Aretians. Gloucester U. v Bristol U. Keynsham v Bristol Univ., O. Bristolians v St Bernadette's OB. O. Cottonians v Chipping Sodbury. Widden OB v Tredworth.

WALES

Abergavenny v Crumlin. Bargoed v Treorchy. Bedwas v Blackwood. Brecon v Glynneath. Bridgend Spts v Newport HSOB. Cardiff HSOB v Pentyrch. Garndiffaith v Talywain. Glynach Goch v Cilfynydd. Kenfig Hill v Aberavon Quins.

Machen v Blaina. Maesteg Celtic v Porthcawl. Monmouth v Croesyceiliog. Mountain Ash v Bath U.. Neath A. v Dinas Powys. Penygraig v Tylorstown. Senghenydd v Treherbert. Tonyrefail v Rhiwbina. Ystrad Rhondda v Pontyclun.

SCHOOLS

Bablake v KE Aston. Belmont Abbey v King's, Worcester. Christ's, Brecon v Bristol GS. Crypt v QEH Bristol. Dallam v King Edward VII. Lytham. Dunfermline Acad v Dame Allan's. Eltham v St Joseph's Acad. Blackheath. Emanuel v St Olave's. Gunnersbury v High Wycombe RGS. John Fisher v Reigate. Judd v Wallington HS.

King Edwards, Birmingham v Bishop Vesey's GS. King Henry VIII. Coventry v Abbot Beyne. King's, Macclesfield v West Park; Lichfield Friary v N. Leamington. Merchant Taylors', Crosby v Waterloo. Normanton HS v Adwick. Nunthorpe GS v Pocklington. Portsmouth GS v Chichester HS. St Benedict's, Ealing v Hampton. St Mary's, Sidcup v Gravesend. Sevenoaks v Maidstone GS.

TOMORROW

CLUB MATCHES.—Harlequins v Met Police (Stoop Memorial Ground, 2.30). L. Irish v Blackheath (2.45). Wasps v N. Brighton (2.30). Plymouth Comb. v Devon & Cornwall Police.

BERKS GIDDY & GIDDY CUP.—2nd Rd: Maidenhead v Windsor.

BRITVIC BUCKS CUP.—2nd Rd: Chiltern v Aylesbury. High Wycombe v Drifters, Phoenix v Marlow.

DORSET & WILTS CUP. — Semi-finals: Salisbury v Bournemouth. Swindon v Wimborne.

GREENE KING ESSEX CUP. — 4th Rd: Woodford v East London.

MIDDLESEX CUP.—4th Rd: Ealing v Saracens. Postponed: Mill Hill v O. Gaytonians. Richmond v Wasps.

SURREY CUP.—4th Rd: Esher v O. Tiffinians. O. Mid-Whitgiftians v Camberley. O. Wa'countians v O. Guildfordians.

SOMERSET CUP.—Qtr-finals: Bath O. Edwardians v Walcot OB. Bridgwater & A. v Weston-s-Mare. Gordano v Frome. O. Culverhaysians v O. Redcliffians.

LEICESTERSHIRE CUP. — Semi-finals (2.15): Loughborough Students v Id Bosworthians. Vipers v Syston.

NORTH MIDLANDS CUP.—Semi-finals (2.15): Evesham v Camp Hill. Stourbridge v O Halesonians.

WARWICKSHIRE CUP.—Qtr-finals (2.15): Bedworth v Sutton Coldfield. Leamington v Keresley. Newbold v Stoke OBs. Trinity Guild v Barkers Butts.

WHITBREAD FREMLINS KENT CUP. — 2nd Rd: Westcombe Park v Natwest Bank.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOMORROW

SILK CUT CUP.—Prelim. Rd: Doncaster v Wakefield T (2.30).

SLALOM LAGER CH'SHIPS (3).—Featherstone R v Barrow (3.30). Hull KR v Halifax. Runcorn v Workington T (3.30). Oldham v Hull. St Helens v Leigh. Warrington v Bradford N. Widnes v Leeds. Wigan v Castleford.

Div. II: Batley v Bramley. Blackpool B v Runcorn H (2.30). Bridgend v Keighley. Huddersfield v Fulham (3.30). Mansfield M v Dewsbury (3.30). Rochdale H v Sheffield E. Salford v York. Whitehaven v Southend I (3.30). Swinton v Carlisle.

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WALKOVER AND RECORD FOR BURROUGH HILL

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

BURROUGH HILL LAD will overtake Silver Buck to become the record holder for first prizemoney under National Hunt rules, simply by walking over for the Gainsborough Handicap 'Chase at Sandown Park this afternoon.

Combs Ditch, Half Free, Special Cargo, Broomy Bank and Greenwood Lad, the other five midweek acceptors for what would have been Sandown Park's big race, were withdrawn yesterday, leaving Burrough Hill Lad to take all the prize money.

Silver Buck earned £177,185 from 34 wins. Burrough Hill Lad's figure will become just over £179,500 this afternoon.

Special Cargo, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's 1984 Whitbread Gold Cup winner, had slight heat in a leg yesterday.

Special Cargo would definitely have opposed Burrough Hill Lad had all gone well. Josh Gifford Greenwood Lad's trainer, said he would also have done so if realising that the race would otherwise be a walkover.

Fred Winter, who returned from holiday in midweek, decided that the Gainsborough 'Chase distance was too far for his stable's Mackeson Gold Cup winner Half Free after being off the course since Nov. 10.

Half Free will instead tackle a two mile five furlong 'chase at Wincanton next Thursday. Comb Ditch, who probably runs at Ascot the previous afternoon, was always doubtful for Sandown Park.

Burrough Hill Lad has a choice of engagements next week. I reckon Saturday's Compton 'Chase at Newbury a more likely target for him than the Whitbread Trial 'Chase at Ascot.

Having been vociferous in her midweek criticism of Burrough Hill Lad's Grand National handicapping, trainer Jenny Pitman is now presented with a limited weights-range handicap in which no other horse is prepared to take on her champion.

Oteley televised

The Gainsborough 'Chase fiasco has resulted in rearrangement for ITV's schedule and the Oteley Hurdle will now be televised live instead of recorded.

First run in 1949, his Champion Hurdle trial has the past champions National Spirit, Lanzarote, Fare Time, Eborneezer, Kirriemuir and most recently Sea Pigeon on its roll of winners.

Desert Orchid and Fealty are Champion Hurdle outsiders in today's field. Desert Orchid, my nap, finished second to the Cheltenham favourite, Browne's Gazette, at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, before disappointing in the Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown.

The left-handed Leopardstown did not suit Desert Orchid, but he has already won at right-handed Sandown Park. Fealty carries a stiff weight and has been off the course since winning the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham last spring.

Townley Stone should win when beating Buck House at Ascot in November, looked season's most promising ... 'chaser. Despite a two-and-a-half month absence from course Townley Stone ... Scilly Isles Novices' 'Chase principal

Ararun, Ireland's ... seeks to Champion Hurdle ... extend his winning ... event at long-distance ... Leopardstown today. Ballinacurra Greasepaint and National Lad will have ... 'chase on trials in a the ... programme. the Leopardstown ...

Races on T V

1.45 SANDOWN	ITV
2. 0 STRATFORD	ITV
2.15 SANDOWN	ITV
2.30 STRATFORD	ITV
2.50 SANDOWN	ITV

TODAY'S SANDOWN PARK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
1.45—Brave Hussar	1.45—Rough Course	1.45—Clinker
2.15—Townley Stone	2.15—Townley Stone	2.15—TOWNLEY STONE (nap)
2.50—DESERT ORCHID (nap)	——	2.50—Desert Orchid
3.20—The Tsarevich	3.20—Aces Wild	3.20—The Tsarevich
3.50—Beat The Retreat	3.50—NOHALMDUN (nap)	3.50—Beat The Retreat

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Townley Stone and Desert Orchid.

TONY STAFFORD.—Sunset Cristo (2.0, Wetherby).

COURSE SPECIALISTS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Course Winners.—2.0 (2m hdle): ... (2m hdle twice), Hever ... Patrick's ... 3.30 (3¼m 'ch): Spartan (2m hdle) ... 'ch), Brent Mystery ... Rambler ... Village Mark (3¼m 'ch) ...

Jockeys (since August 1979).—Smith ... Morshead 14, Scudamore 11, ... S. Linley 8, Mooney 8, Burke ... Francome 7, C. Smith, Mr A. J. ... H. Davies 6, Rowe 6.

Trainers.—F. Walwyn 11, Webber 10, ... 10, Fox 9, Kennard 9, M. ... 9, Forster 7, Henderson 7, ... Bradley 6, Elsworth 6, ... 6, Mrs J. Pitman 6, Wardle 6.

Lefrak City (Hywel Davies) and (right) Toirdealbhach jump together at the last fence at Sandown Park. Lefrak City won by three-quarters of a length.

'Lefrak' jumping is crucial factor

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oakesy)

HYWEL DAVIES and Lefrak City gave a memorable demonstration yesterday of how Sandown Park should be jumped at speed. They led throughout the Park Handicap 'Chase, and later half an hour ... produced ... carbon copy on the Membridge in the ... Handicap 'Chase.

Fairmile ... attached to Tim Forster ... Both ... trains. Lefrak City ... embarrassment of riches — the ... trainer dreams of.

... look potential future ... and I suppose it must ... matter of time before ... 21, is made an offer ... refuse by another stable. ... that will leave Forster ... ably served; and Lefrak was the perfect foil for Davies's talents. The little white-faced ex-point-to-pointer jumped down the Railway straight like an eager greyhound, and then fought back gallantly when John Francome brought Toirdealbhach with a perfectly-timed challenge up the hill.

This was a race in which both winning and losing jockey covered himself with glory, but the decisive factor was Lefrak City's quicksilver jumping.

Both horses hung left on the flat, but the stewards quite rightly overruled Francome's objection.

Rare achievement

Lefrak City is jointly owned by Gregory Philips, one of the few one-armed men ever to win a steeplechase, and Mrs Daphne Twine, whose late husband George bought the winner after he broke a course record in the Heythrop point-to-point.

Membridge, whose dam was half-sister to Stalbridge Colonist, has signally failed lately to uphold the family reputation. But horses just seem to like jumping and galloping for Dunwoody at the moment, and, though undoubtedly helped by Sign Again's blunder at the Pond fence, Membridge came home with plenty to spare.

According to Ann Underwood, who trains Further Thought for Mrs Van Den Bergh, this giant of a horse, who may well be the biggest in training, "practically vanishes" if you give him one gallop too many.

Work hold-up

So the fact that Further Thought had been Hobdayed, treated for back trouble and held up in his work should not have discouraged anyone from backing him to win the season's first hunter-chase.

Sure enough, although challenged round the final bend by Royal Judgement (who last season failed by only four lengths to give Burrough Hill Lad 12lb), Further Thought dominated the Wilfred Johnstone 'Chase from start to finish. In this form, not many hunters will beat him.

The Sandown winner's enclosure was regularly populated by enviable sun-tanned faces, and although Steve Smith Eccles, on Oxhey Cottage, beat his fellow Barbados holidaymaker Francome, on Emerald Watson, in the February Novices' Hurdle (Div. I) Francome came back in the second division when Kingswick gave him his first success since Jan. 5.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

WETHERBY.—1.30, Toss. 2.0, Why Forget. 2.30, Book Of Kells. 3.0, Crackhill. 3.30, Cheekio Ora. 4.5, Try To Stop Me.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON. — 2.0, Comedy Fair. 2.30, Direct Line (nap). 3.0, Norton Cavalier.

SANDOWN PARK.—2.15, Karenomore. 2.50, Flarey Sark. 3.50, Nohalmdun.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

All engagements (dead): Royal Riches, Bradford Street, Miss Merrow, King's Caters, Comique, Glendarts, Etoile des Indes, Arctic Conquest.

Stratford-on-Avon fields

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
...—Missouri	1.30—Keep Sauntering
...—Broad Beam	2. 0—Bold Illusion
...—Misty Fort	2.30—Direct Line
...—Grima	3. 0—Itsgottabealright
...—Elmboy	3.30—Elmboy
...—Gambler's Cup	4. 0—Gambler's Cup

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO SOFT

1.30: LOXLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE Penalty Value £771 2¾m (21 declared)

2 0-00002 Keep Sauntering (BF), W. G. Turner, 6 11-7 Miss T. Turner (7)
3 42-0020 Queensbury Joe, C. Popham, 5 11-6 J. Hurst (7)
4 3010FP Eoryana, M. Madgwick, 5 11-5 A. Madgwick (4)
5 002-000 Picket Line, W. Clay, 5 10-13 S. J. O'Neill
6 P-00000 Wide Missouri, R. Champion, 5 10-13 A. Webber
8 324000- Amber Windsor, R. Juckes, 5 10-11 D. Chinn (7)
9 2-F3F30 Lord Charles (BF) (BL), R. Perkins, 6 10-11 Dai Williams
11 40P-000 Ridgeway Girl (BL), P. Burgoyne, 5 10-9 R. Dunwoody
12 0/00-000 Golago, R. Brown, 6 10-9 ...... J. Brown (7)
13 0044-P0 Galtrim, C. Jackson, 6 10-8 ...... J. Burke
14 04100 Some Moor, R. Hodges, 5 10-6 S. Earle (7)
15 023400- Song Boy, R. Hodges, 6 10-6 ...... C. Gray
16 00/F0-P0 Harlow Mill, M. Pipe, 6 10-6 ...... P. Leach
17 00/00 Oystons Windmill, P. Oliver, 6 10-6 R. Crank
18 2-40440 Lift High, D. R. Tucker, 6 10-5 S. McNeill
20 4P/0F00 Chevrallah, D. C. Tucker, 6 10-3 ...... —
22 20-2F00 Solitaire (BL), B. Hicks, 5 10-3 S. Morshead
23 0P004-0 Mr Chow, C. Bridgett, 6 10-2 Mr C. Bridgett
28 000/0-3 Too Often, K. Bridgwater, 6 10-2 W. Worthington (7)
29 P0-2F Stormy Haze, R. Holder, 5 10-2 P. Murphy
30 000-P00 Drum Maker, B. Forsey, 5 10-2 P. Croucher (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 9-2 Keep Sauntering, 5 Eoryana, 11-2 Lord Charles, 6 Wide Missouri, 8 Some Moor, 10 Too Often, Stormy Haze, 12 Queensbury Joe, 14 Golago, 16 others.

2.0: LADBROKE CREDIT EXPRESS HANDICAP HURDLE £3,576 2m (11)

1 2140/01- Krug, S. Mellor, 7 11-10 ...... A. Webber
7 00-0110 Ishkomann (D) (BF), J. Spearing, 5 10-13 A. Webb
8 F00-000 Patrick's Fair (CD), R. Peacock, 9 10-9 D. Browne
9 U41-P04 Broad Beam (D), Mrs M. Rimell, 5 10-6 S. Morshead
10 411F02 Charcoal Wally (D), R. Hodges, 6 10-4 P. Croucher (4)
12 0/14F-11 Bold Illusion (D), M. W. Eckley, 7 10-0 W. Morris
15 010010 Comedy Fair (D), M. H. Easterby, 5 10-0 P. Dever
16 0015-00 Mountain Man (D), R. Brazington, 9 10-0 C. Jones
19 00002P Hever (BL) (CD) (BF), M. Pipe, 10 10-0 P. Leach
20 410F21 Baton Match (D), M. Chapman, 5 10-0 (7lb ex) G. Evans (7)
22 034-300 Incandesce (D), W. Clay, 6 10-0 S. J. O'Neill

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Bold Illusion, 7-2 Broad Beam, 4 Ishkomann, 9-2 Krug, 6 Patricks Fair, 10 Charcoal Wally, 12 Comedy Fair, 16 others.

2.30: HOLSTEN PILS HANDICAP 'CHASE £3,590 2¾m (4)

1 142-311 Direct Line, J. Fitzgerald, 11 11-10 R. O'Leary
2 01F-103 Jugador, F. Haynes, 10 11-0 ...... A. Webb
3 U20310 Bashful Lad (D), M. Oliver, 10 10-0 A. Webber
4 13-01F1 Misty Fort, T. Forster, 7 10-0 R. Dunwoody

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Misty Fort, 11-8 Direct Line, 6 Jugador, 10 Bashful Lad.

3.0: AVON NOVICES' HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,654 2m (11)

1 4-P00U1 Itsgottabealright (D), Mrs W. Sykes, 8 11-10 S. Morshead
3 00F 0- Norton Cavalier, M. H. Easterby, 10 11-5 A. Brown
5 3C-P023 Grima, I. Dudgeon, 8 10-10 ...... M. Richards
8 0-53U34 Flying Mistress, J. Webber, 7 10-7 ...... —
9 C0P0 00- Essex, J. Bukovets, 10 10-6 ...... J. Barks
11 00 BF Matison, M. Madgwick, 7 10-4 A. Madgwick (4)
12 05100-3 Hardy Ranch, O. Brennan, 6 10-2 M. Brennan
14 P2 2P0-0 The Cliftonian, W. Charles, 7 10-0 G. Williams (7)
15 F3-002F Hinton Corner, P. Hayward, 8 10-0 C. Mann
16 00 PP0-0 Red Line, W. Mann, 8 10-0 ...... P. Carvill
18 000-000 Sirrage, S. Holmes, 6 10-0 ...... L. Bloomfield

Flying Mistress non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Itsgottabealright, 9-4 Grima, 5 Norton Cavalier, 6 Hardy Ranch, 9 Hinton Corner, 14 others.

3.30: CREDIT CALL CUP (Hunters' 'Chase, Amateur Riders) £705 3¼m (20)

1 111- Elmboy, W. N. Mawle, 7 12-10 A. Hill (7)
2 0UF34F- Rushbury, C. Sidgwick, 10 12-10 B. Dowling (7)
3 114F12- Spartan Rambler (CD), K. Hutsby, 8 12-10 C. O'Toole (7)
4 0'1U2- Brent Mystery (C), A. Luff, 9 12-7 D. Luff (7)
5 30114- Captain Tony, Mrs S. Davenport, 8 12-7 R. Matthias (7)
7 00FF/01- Ayresome, Mrs W. Benson Brown, 10 12-0 Mrs C. Tellwright (7)
8 0/ Barnaby Sam, R. Fellows, 6 12-0 Miss L. Fellows (7)
9 FP/4PP1- Blue Beams, B. Rendell, 10 12-0 ...... —
11 P20/ Handy Mark, R. J. Eckley, 11 12-0 P. Eckley (7)
12 002RP0- High Class Agent, M. Churches, 7 12-0 L. Harvey (7)
13 Irish Jig, R. Connally, 9 12-0 R. Connally (7)
14 P1- Luchnello, N. B. Jones, 9 12-0 N. B. Jones (7)
15 00F0/00- Mister Maxwell, C. Holmes, 10 12-0 J. Tuite (7)
16 4F'4- Moreton, D. H. Brown, 11 12-0 A. Rebori (7)
18 03330P- Sidbury Hill, S. Pike, 9 12-0 ... A. J. Wilson
19 P/ Sir Camelot, Mrs A. Price, 10 12-0 ...... —
20 F0F0/ Spartan Regime, R. Perkins, 10 12-0 G. Wragg (7)
21 142P'P1- Village Mark (CD), J. G. Cann, 11 12-0 —
22 P/PFRF- Dainty Dolly, Grenville Richards, 10 11-9 M. Richards (7)
23 OF Blue Eyes, Miss V. Hill, 12 11-9 ...... —

Village Mark non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Elmboy, 4 Captain Tony, 11-2 Brent Mystery, 7 Luchnello, 8 High Class Agent, 12 Ayresome, Blue Beams, 16 others.

4.0: CHARLECOTE NOVICES' HURDLE 4-Y-O £958 2m (17)

1 103020 Baluchi (BL) (D), B. Preece, 11-3 P. Dever
2 10P Royal Charge (D), D. Wellicome, 11-3 M. Bastard
3 0 Belvoir Patrol, D. R. Tucker, 10-10 S. McNeill
7 00 Brandeau Breeze, R. Juckes, 10-10 P. Carvill
8 Caton Boy, O. Sherwood, 10-10 Mr S. Sherwood
10 0 Combampton, F. Yardley, 10-10 ...... C. Smith
13 0 Gambler's Cup, F. Winter, 10-10 B. de Haan
18 Jeis Frison, A. Barrow, 10-10 ...... R. Hoare
20 Log Cabin, W. Clay, 10-10 ... S. J. O'Neill
22 05 Music Wonder, R. Hodges, 10-10 P. Croucher (4)
23 Nourrez, G. Thorner, 10-10 ...... P. Barton
24 3F0 Prince Ramboro, Mrs M. Rimell, 10-10 S. Morshead
25 00 Purple, F. Jordan, 10-10 ...... R. Hyett
27 Stanmudhon, R. Champion, 10-10 A. Webber
29 Taralus, P. Kelleway, 10-10 ... R. Dunwoody
36 Gillie's Waffle, J. Cosgrave, 10-5 W. Morris
39 004 Magic, W. Wharton, 10-5 ...... M. Brennan

S.P. FORECAST: 8-11 Gambler's Cup, 4 Baluchi, 6 Music Wonder, Prince Ramboro, 8 Taralus, 10 Caton Boy, 16 others.

Point-to-point

'RANDOM' MAY BE FITTER

By DAVID WELCH

SWARM, who clinched the men's riding title and DAILY TELEGRAPH Cup for David Turner with two wins in the last eight days of the 1984 season, reverts to Ladies' races when the new term opens today.

He runs at the Easton Harriers fixtures at Higham, and will be ridden by Turner's sister, Josie Shepherd.

Pick of his rivals is Graham Pidgeon's Random Leg, winner of seven races last year. He will be partnered as usual by joint women's champion Jenny Pidgeon and may be more forward than Swarm.

The Turner horses, though reported to have been going well at home ("They always do there, don't they?" said David), are expected to be a little rusty having started serious work only this week.

Lee delays

Sea Tangle, last year's winner of the Audi qualifier, goes for the Adjacent race, but Mussel Bed, a Deep Run gelding formerly with Graham Thorner, may be one to watch.

The Staff College and RMA Sandhurst meeting at Tweseldown has been robbed of some of its interest by Richard Lee's decision to wait another week before running his horses.

"Judging by the way they worked today we could probably have run," he said yesterday, "but I like to err on the side of cautiousness."

National Clover's absence from the second division of the Mixed Open leaves the way clear for Heshonld to underline the potential he showed last season, although it may be asking a lot of him to beat White Paper if Teresa Webher's prolific winner is saddled here.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Easton Harriers (Higham, 8m N. Colchester), 12.30.
Staff Coll. & RMA Sandhurst (Tweseldown, 3m W. Aldershot), 12.0.

Course Notes & Hints

NOHALMDUN IS BEST OF THE DAY

By Our Course Correspondent

NOHALMDUN* can boost his Daily Express Triumph Hurdle prospects by winning the Ripley Novices' Hurdle (3.50) at Sandown Park today.

His only defeat in three hurdle races was when he finished third to Out of the Gloom at Doncaster over two and a half miles, a distance probably too far for him.

Nohalmdun won over two miles at Wetherby on his debut and after his Doncaster defeat successfully reverted to the minimum distance at Leicester. He is preferred to Beat The Retreat, who will be contesting his 14th race of the season.

Rough Course, successful four times in Ireland last year, is fancied for the Spring Handicap Hurdle (1.45). The seven-year-old is a versatile performer who has won over both fences and hurdles, and he can win at the first time of asking for new trainer Lucy Bower.

Unbeaten record

Townley Stone is expected to extend his unbeaten fencing record in the Scilly Isles Novices' 'Chase (2.15). Aces Wild a leading novice last season, may make amends for his disappointing run at Ascot in the Elmbridge Handicap 'Chase (3.20).

John Webber's Townley Stone has won both his 'chases in most impressive fashion. At his first attempt, here in November, he beat Great Light by eight lengths and then won by an even bigger margin against stiffer opposition at Ascot.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SANDOWN PARK

Course Winners. — 1.45 (2m hdle): Clinker (2m hdle), Kasland (2m hdle). 2.15 (2m 18y 'ch): Townley Stone (2m 18y 'ch). 2.50 (2m hdle): Desert Orchid (3m hdle), Allten Glazed (2m hdle twice). 3.20 (2½m 68y 'ch): Lean Ar Aghaidh (3m 118y 'ch twice), Far Bridge (2½m 68y 'ch twice; 2m 18y 'ch twice), Left Bank (2m 18y 'ch), Aces Wild (2m hdle). 3.50 (2m hdle): Beat The Retreat (2m hdle twice). 4.5 (3m 118y 'ch): Burrough Hill Lad (3m 118y 'ch; 3m 5f 18y 'ch).

Jockeys (since August, 1979). — Francome 26, Rowe 22, Scudamore 19, Smith Eccles 19, Barton 11, Linley 10, H. Davies 10, Mr R. Munro-Wilson 6, Mr T. Thomson Jones 6, Mooney 5, Webber 5, Steve Knight 4.

Trainers.—Gifford 28, F. Winter 28, F. Walwyn 25, Nicholson 18, Henderson 9, G. Balding 9, Forster 9, Gandolfo 8, Munro-Wilson 6, M. H. Easterby 3, Gaselee 5, R. Fisher 4, Jenkins 4, Mellor 4, Morley 4, Webber 4.

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

SANDOWN PARK. — 3.20, Left Bank.
STRATFORD-ON-AVON. — 1.30, Wide Missouri; 4.0, Taralus.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

Townley Stone (2.15 Sandown Park) is the only horse listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow engaged today.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Townley Stone (2.15 Sandown Park) is today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

PROGRAMME AT WETHERBY

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
1.30—Swingit Gunner	1.30—Amadis
2. 0—Grinders	2. 0—Mr Snugfit
2.30—Mullacurry	2.30—Spring Chancellor
3. 0—Mick's Star	3. 0—Mick's Star
3.30—Urser	3.30—Prominent King
4. 5—Sea Reppin	4. 5—Try To Stop Me

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO FIRM

1.30: ACOMB NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) Penalty Value £618 2m (25 declared)

1 21U Don't Annoy Me (D) (BF), R. Whitaker, 5 11-12 Mr R. J. Beggan
2 422 Amadis, T. Barron, 5 11-5 ...... P. Tuck
4 F40- Barron Julius, J. Glover, 5 11-5 D. McKeown (7)
7 Co Co Man, N. Tinkler, 6 11-5 ... N. Tinkler
8 Delighting, G. Vergette, 5 11-5 S. Johnson
9 Dromodan, M. H. Easterby, 5 11-5 D. Dutton
10 First Image, Mrs N. Macauley, 5 11-5 K. Sims (7)
12 U-P Glebe Stream, T. Barnes, 8 11-5 M. Barnes
13 Lena Wait, D. Lee, 6 11-5 ...... A. Stringer
15 00 Mr Heath, M. H. Easterby, 5 11-5 G. Bradley
19 0 Toss, Mrs C. Postlethwaite, 7 11-5 P. A. Charlton
23 01 Swingit Gunner (D), Denys Smith, 4 11-2 C. Grant
27 00 Mandrake Honey, B. Temple, 5 11-0 M. Pepper
28 0 Markwood, J. Jefferson, 5 11-0 ... M. Hill (7)
32 P Tiresome, P. Feignate, 5 11-0 T. Wooley (7)
37 Court Prince, C. Tinkler, 4 10-9 R. Earnshaw
38 05 Fast Forward, T. Caldwell, 4 10-9 ...... —
39 0 Hometown, J. Fitzgerald, 4 10-9 M. Dwyer
41 Northgate Venture, M. Ellerby, 4 10-0 Mr R. Morley
42 B00 Fonna Express, J. Parkes, 4 10-9 Lynn Whiffen (7)
43 Roseman, J. Leigh, 4 10-9 P. Blackburn (7)
46 Sirund, C. Tinkler, 4 10-9 ...... R. Lamb
49 0 Half Asleep, W. Elsey, 4 10-4 ... C. Hawkins
50 40 Ribobelle, Ron Thompson, 4 10-4 Jayne Thompson (7)
51 0 Saritamer Lass, T. Kersey, 4 10-4 D. Wilkinson

Fast Forward non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Amadis, 100-30 Don't Annoy Me, 9-2 Toss, 6 Swingit Gunner, 8 Hometown, 10 Dromodan.

2.0: RIPON HANDICAP 'CHASE £3,882 3m 100y (15)

2 1/1UU22 Earls Brig (CD), W. Hamilton, 10 11-10 T. G. Dun
3 3P0 002 Phil The Fluter (CD), H. Wharton, 10 11-5 P. Corrigan (7)
4 11/13-P4 Prince Rowan, Mrs M. Dickinson, 9 11-1 G. Bradley
5 11-3120 Hardy Lad, R. Wilkinson, 8 11-1 N. Doughty
6 1521-40 Rupertino (BF), E. Owen, jun., 10 10-13 R. Stronge
8 311-000 Onapromise (CD), Denys Smith, 9 10-9 C. Grant
9 U2112-0 Great Head Boy, R. Fisher, 8 10-8 M. Meagher (4)
10 02-0192 Why Forget (BF), W. A. Stephenson, 9 10-7 Mr P. J. Dun
11 2-1F221 Grinders (C), E. Carter, 7 10-6 P. A. Charlton
12 00-0211 Mr Snugfit, M. W. Easterby, 8 10-5 (6lb ex.), P. Tuck
13 4/PU-PP4 Sunset Cristo (CD), R. Hawkey, 11 10-1 A. Stringer
14 04F-443 Door Step, J. FitzGerald, 9 10-1 M. Dwyer
15 10-P00P Santa Noel, J. Leigh, 9 10-0 ... S. Johnson

S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 Earls Brig, 4 Mr Snugfit, 5 Grinders, 6 Prince Rowan, Why Forget, 8 Hardy Lad, 10 Phil The Fluter, 14 Rupertino, 16 others.

2.30: SKIPTON HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,976 2½m 100y (7)

3 1420-43 Mullacurry, J. FitzGerald, 16 11-7 M. Dwyer
4 104- Shrewd Operator, S. Mellor, 8 11-3 G. Charles-Jones (4)
5 121113 Spring Chancellor, W. A. Stephenson, 10 11-2 R. Lamb
9 4-41114 Book Of Kells (BF), J. Blundell, 10 10-3 D. Dutton
10 333320 Snow Blessed (CD), Denys Smith, 8 10-1 C. Grant
11 1U0-F3F Powder Horn, Mrs J. Barr, 8 10-0 R. Earnshaw
12 0/0304U Tom Sawyer, A. Watson, 11 10-0 A. Stringer

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Spring Chancellor, 7-2 Mullacurry, 4 Book Of Kells, 5 Shrewd Operator, 7 Snow Blessed, 8 Powder Horn, 14 Tom Sawyer.

3.0: KEIGHLEY HANDICAP HURDLE £2,187 2½m (15)

1 011034/ Anneio Salvini (CD), M. H. Easterby, 9 11-11 Mr T. Easterby
2 00-0110 Eboracum (CD), B. Wilkinson, 7 11-9 Mr G. Harker (7)
3 1P3P-00 Crackhill (C), Miss S. Hall, 6 10-11 R. Teelan (4)
4 043F40 Gearys Cold Rolled (D), Denys Smith, 8 10-10 D. Leadbitter (7)
5 21-4330 Tori (C), A. Smith, 6 11-4 ...... C. Grant
6 142000 Starlight Rocky, Miss Z. Green, 9 10-5 J. Goulding
7 0110 Carneades, M. H. Easterby, 5 10-2 D. Dutton
8 04F-044 Wold Rat (BF), J. FitzGerald, 6 10-0 M. Dwyer
9 40-2203 Mick's Star (BF), M. W. Easterby, 5 10-0 P. Tuck
10 P-20302 ATS Prince, K. Stone, 6 10-0 ... M. Hindley
11 4-31334 What's What, S. Bousfield, 6 10-0 S. Storey
12 221-04F Sweet Colleen (C), M. W. Easterby, 5 10-0 A. Dickman
13 P1-0000 Cut'n Dry, A. Robson, 5 10-0 ... S. McNeill
14 001/000- Targa (D), M. Kellett, 7 10-0 S. Charlton
16 444000 Mossy Cones (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6 10-0 J. O'Gorman (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 4 Wold Rat, 5 Crackhill, 6 Carneades, Mick's Star, 8 Angelo Salvini, 10 ATS Prince, What's What, 12 Eboracum, 14 Turi, 16 others.

3.30: FOXHUNTERS 'CHASE (Amateur Riders) £1,122 2½m 100y (21)

1 B4F110- Peace Clash, W. A. Stephenson, 8 12-5 J. Greenall (7)
2 1/11031- Prominent King, M. H. Easterby, 16 12-5 T. Easterby
3 211221- Urser, M. W. Easterby, 11 12-5 K. Reveley (7)
4 B13110- Cheekio Ora (CD), H. B. Parry, 12 12-2 P. Greenall
5 21F4/F3- Arthur Bell's, J. P. Wight, 9 11-9 A. Wight (7)
6 030-P30 Benalfong, P. O'Connor, 9 11-9 M. Wells (7)
8 3P1P2P/ Coffee Boy, C. Thornton, 16 11-9 S. Swiers (7)
9 00P/ Cold Snap, M. H. Easterby, 8 11-9 R. J. Beggan
11 Gleeroy, K. Morrison, 7 11-9 Miss J. Morton (7)
12 00041-1 Golden Ty, V. Hall, 7 11-9 A. Orkney (7)
14 000042- Ingham (C), Mrs J. Jordan, 13 11-9 M. Sowerby (7)
17 Mickey Cinders, S. Wanless, 7 11-9 C. Storey (7)
18 000F0P/ Pennine Derek (C), R. W. Johnson, 11 11-9 P. Johnson (7)
19 33FU33- Rambling Buck, E. Owen, jun., 11 11-9 J. Griffith (7)
20 0/ Scrudge, R. G. Ross, 9 11-9 N. Jones (7)
21 000/000- Spring Moon (C), M. Smith, 9 11-9 D. Smith (7)
22 14P/PFP- The Drunken Duck (C), G. Richards, 13 11-9 A. Fowler
23 00/P0P0- The Heenan Kid (C), J. Wade, 12 11-9 J. Wade (7)
25 24P/P44- Ask Me Nicely, J. Morley, 11 11-4 R. Morley (7)
26 P000/00- Little Swinburn, W. G. Reed, 7 11-4 T. Reed (4)
27 3- Triganna, R. R. Bainbridge, 10 11-4 L. Hudson (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Prominent King, 3 Cheekio Ora, 4 Urser, 8 Peace Clash, 10 Golden Ty, 12 Arthur Bell's.

4.5: ACOMB NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £618 2m (25)

1 1 Sea Reppin (D), J. Leigh, 5 11-12 P. Blackburn (7)
2 00-01 Camp Kelpie, B. Wilkinson, 6 11-7 Mr G. Harker (7)
4 Big Land, Mrs N. Macauley, 6 11-5 K. Sims (7)
10 0 Glorious, M. W. Easterby, 7 11-5 A. Dickman
11 0 House Of Lords, J. FitzGerald, 6 11-5 M. Dwyer
13 40-04 Lisally, N. Bycroft, 5 11-5 R. McKellar (7)
14 04 Prince Sweet, G. Richards, 5 11-5 D. Conkley (4)
19 0P There Again, T. Barnes, 5 11-5 M. Barnes
21 1 Try To Stop Me (D), Denys Smith, 4 11-2 C. Grant
22 Bellaport, Mrs J. Barr, 6 11-0 Mr N. Tutty (7)
24 Fallow Time, D. Moorhead, 5 11-0 D. Condell (7)
26 0 Meadow Maid, M. H. Easterby, 5 11-0 D. Dutton
28 Mrs Sparks, G. Richards, 5 11-0 N. Doughty
30 Silken Turn, M. Lambert, 5 11-0 A. Charlton (7)
31 02010 Bamma's Retreat (BL) (D), D. Yeoman, 4 10-11 C. Hawkins
32 21230 Chronicle Lady (D), M. Lambert, 4 10-11 P. A. Charlton
36 0 Gunner Royal, H. Wharton, 4 10-9 P. Corrigan (7)
38 Johnny Frenchman, A. Watson, 4 10-9 A. Stringer
39 Marlion, Miss S. Hall, 4 10-9 K. Teelan (4)
40 New Times, H. Fleming, 4 10-9 A. Welsh (7)
42 03 Rosey For Sport, A. Smith, 4 10-9 J. A. Harris
43 Son Of Spiritus, R. Carter, 4 10-9 S. McNeill
45 04 Dubavarna, C. Gray, 4 10-4 ... M. Pepper
47 300P Qualitair Princess, K. Stone, 4 10-4 M. Hindley
48 0 Swiss Franc Sweety, M. W. Easterby, 4 10-4 P. Tuck

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Try To Stop Me, 7-2 Sea Reppin, 5 Camp Kelpie, 13-2 Chronicle Lady, 8 Mrs Sparks, 12 Rosey For Sport, 14 Lisally, 20 others.

Sandown Park runners, riders and form

Racecard Numbers shown on left. Figures before oblique stroke refer to pre-1983 form and before hyphen to 1983-84. Riders' Allowance in brackets. C—course winner. D—distance. BF—beaten favourite. B—brought down. F—fell. P—pulled up. U—unseated rider. R—refused.

Advance Official Going: SOFT

JACKPOT MEETING

1.45 (Jackpot Prefix 1): SPRING HANDICAP HURDLE Penalty Value £2,607 2m (9 declared)

1 3300-00 BRAVE HUSSAR (D) (H. Joel), J. Gifford, 7 12-0 E. Murphy (7)
3 321012 ROUGH COURSE (K. Catchpole), Miss L. Bower, 7 10-10 M. Kinane
10 103500- DODGY FUTURE (D) (D. Lowe), S. Mellor, 5 10-5 M. Perrett
11 010-P32 CLINKER (CD) (A. King), J. Bosley, 5 10-5 Mr M. Bosley (7)
13 0-00005 SUNFLOWER LAD (D) (M. Clemence), T. Bulgin, 6 10-5 J. Lovejoy
14 201235 FLOYD (Mrs Y. Gillespie), D. Elsworth, 5 10-3 ...... C. Brown
15 000-440 KASLAND (CD) (Mrs J. Pelly), Miss L. Bower, 8 10-0 R. Arnott (4)
18 400412- SLIP UP (D) (F. Gray), F. Gray, 5 10-0 ...... G. Enright
19 040P-00 SAINT OSWALD (C. Harvey), J. E. Long, 8 10-0 ...... R. Rowell

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Clinker, 11-4 Sunflower Lad, 4 Dodgy Future, 6 Brave Hussar, 7 Rough Course, 8 Floyd, 16 others.

1984: Hiz 6 10-11 P. Barton 11-2 I. Dudgeon, 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Rough Course was beaten 5l by Quick Trip (level) at Limerick (2¼m) Oct 28 (yielding going). Clinker was beaten hd by Our White Hart (rec 2lb) at Wolverhampton (2m) Dec 26 (good to soft). Sunflower Lad was beaten 9l when 3rd to Lohengrin (rec 11lb) at Wincanton (2m) Jan 25 (good to soft). Brave Hussar was a distant 6th of 8 to Ra Nova (gave 6lb) at Windsor (2m 30y) Jan 2 (good to soft). Dodgy Future was beaten 18½l when 9th to Afzal (rec 4lb) at Liverpool (2m) March 30 (good), previously was not in first 9 of 30 to Northern Game (level) at Cheltenham (2m) March 15 with Floyd (level) fell (good). Floyd was beaten 2l when 3rd to Clarinbridge (level) at Kempton (2m) Feb 25 (fast). Saint Oswald was not in first 9 of 16 to Berlin (gave 18lb) at Lingfield (2m) Dec 8 (heavy). Kasland was 10th of 13 to Indiana Dare (gave 15lb) at Newbury (3m 120y) Dec 31 (soft). Slip Up was beaten 31 by Haywire (level) at Fontwell (2¼m) May 28 (good).

CLINKER may go one better. Sunflower Lad the danger.

2.15 (Prefix 2): SCILLY ISLES NOVICES' 'CHASE £7,622 2m 18y (5)

1 211421 FREIGHT FORWARDER (Britannic Shipping Services Ltd), A. Pitt, 11 11-10 ...... R. Rowe
2 2115-11 TOWNLEY STONE (CD) (Mrs Mike Townley), J. Webber, 6 11-10 G. McCourt
4 2-00111 KARENOMORE (Lt-Col R. Warden), M. H. Easterby, 7 11-5 J. O'Neill
5 3'31113 ST WILLIAM (W. Morecombe), R. Hodges, 8 11-5 .. Peter Hobbs
6 00-0341 SWORD GAME (K. McDonald), W. Fairgrieve, 9 11-5 ...... —

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Townley Stone, 5 Freight Forwarder, 7-2 Karenomore, 7 St William, 25 Sword Game.

1984: Norton Cross 6 11-10 A. Brown 2-1 M. H. Easterby, 6 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Freight Forwarder beat Golden Friend (gave 8lb) by hd at Cheltenham (2m) Jan 2 (good to soft). Townley Stone beat Buck House (level) by 10l at Ascot (2m) Nov 16 with Freight Forwarder (gave 3lb) a further 1½l 4th (good). Karenomore beat The Small Miracle (rec 5lb) by 2½l at Ayr (2m) Dec 29 with Sword Game (rec 10lb) a further 30l 4th (soft). Sword Game has since walked over at Ayr Jan 2. St William was beaten 15l when 3rd to Roadster (rec 6lb) at Cheltenham (2½m) Jan 26 (soft).

TOWNLEY STONE has sound claims. Karenomore next best.

2.50 (Prefix 3): OTELEY HURDLE £4,417 2m (9)

1 0111- FEALTY (P. Brookshaw), P. Brookshaw, 5 11-12 S. Smith Eccles
2 10-3320 DESERT ORCHID (CD) (R. Burridge), D. Elsworth, 6 11-5 C. Brown
3 21/0321 ALLTEN GLAZED (CD) (Exors late J. Waddall), M. Naughton, 8 11-0 ...... P. A. Farrell
4 3041-F1 FLAREY SARK (S. Marsh), R. Fisher, 8 11-0 ... J. D. Doyle
6 11F-04 INFIELDER (D) (BF) (T. Waterman), F. Winter, 6 10-10 J. Francome
7 000-041 MR MOONRAKER (D) (Mrs P. Blackburn), L. Kennard, 8 10-10 B. Powell
8 024003 AMRULLAH (BL) (T. Thorn), J. Bridger, 5 10-7 ...... J. O'Neill
11 00312-0 PADDYS BELLE (Mrs P. Tucker), D. C. Tucker, 5 10-3 N. Coleman
12 2131-4P STAR WHISTLER (D) (Mrs N. Parish), P. Butler, 8 10-3 G. Newman

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Desert Orchid, 3 Flarey Sark, 5 Allten Glazed, 13-2 Infielder, 10 Fealty, 12 Mr Moonraker, 25 others.

1984: Sula Bula 6 11-5 Mr T. Easterby 5-1 M. H. Easterby, 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Allten Glazed beat Colonel Rose (rec 25lb) by hd at Ayr (2m) Dec 29 (soft). Flarey Sark beat Prideaux Boy (gave 6lb) by sh hd at Newbury (2m 100y) Dec 29 (soft). Mr Moonraker beat Admiral's Cup (level) by 7l at Newbury (2m 160y) Dec 31 (soft), previously was beaten 8½l when 4th to Crimson Embers (gave 14lb) at Wincanton (2¾m) Nov 29 (good). Desert Orchid was beaten 16½l when 13th of 20 to Hansel Rag (rec 28lb) at Leopardstown (2m) Jan 12 (good). Fealty beat Bajan Sunshine (gave 9lb) by 2½l at Cheltenham (2½m) March 14 (good). Infielder was beaten 60l when 4th to Northern Trial (rec 4lb) at Leicester (2m) Nov 19 (soft). Amrullah was beaten nk, 30l when 3rd to The Hacienderos (gave 7lb) at Kempton (2m) Dec 26 (good to soft).

DESERT ORCHID may beat Flarey Sark

3.20 (Prefix 4): ELMRIDGE HANDICAP 'CHASE £4,557 2½m 68y (8)

2 2R-0301 THE TSAREVICH (Mrs C. Heaty), N. Henderson, 9 11-7 J. White
3 2P-4124 LEAN AR AGHAIDH (C) (Mrs W. Tulloch), S. Mellor, 8 11-5 M. Perrett
4 1-14124 FAR BRIDGE (CD) (BF) (Duke of Atholl), G. Balding, 9 11-0 B. Reilly
5 11-0410 LEFT BANK (C) (G. Beccles), D. Morley, 7 10-15 P. Scudamore
7 12315-5 ACES WILD (BF) (C) (Mrs M. Valentine), F. Winter, 7 10-5 J. Duggan (4)
8 2300-55 WESTERN SUNSET (S. Sainsbury), T. Forster, 9 10-3 H. Davies
9 040-02U LORD LEIGHTON (BL) (S. Hunt), L. Kennard, 9 10-1 B. Powell
11 321-0P1 ARABIAN MUSIC (Lady Rootes), J. Gifford, 10 10-0 R. Rowe

S.P. FORECAST: 100-30 Aces Wild, 4 Lean Ar Aghaidh, 6 Arabian Music, The Tsarevich, 13-2 Left Bank, 8 Far Bridge, 10 Lord Leighton, 12 Western Sunset.

1984: Far Bridge 8 10-12 S. Smith Eccles 11-2 G. Balding, 7 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—The Tsarevich beat Celtic Brew (rec 26lb) by 2l at Wolverhampton (2½m) Dec 26 (good). Arabian Music beat Will Boreen (gave 2lb) by 1½l at Newbury (2½m) Dec 31 (soft). Aces Wild was beaten 27l when 3rd to Duke of Milan (level) at Ascot (2½m) Oct 31 (good). Lean Ar Aghaidh was beaten 28l when 4th to West Tip (gave 9lb) over the course (3m 5f 18y) Jan 5 (good to soft). Far Bridge was beaten 17l when last of 4 to Bright Oasis (rec 22lb) at Cheltenham (2½m) Jan 1 (soft). Left Bank was beaten 15¾l when 5th to Freight Forwarder (rec 24lb) at Cheltenham (2m) Jan 2 (good to soft). Western Sunset was beaten 15l when 3rd to Bishop's Bow (rec 2lb) at Wincanton (3m 50) Dec 26 (good to soft). Lord Leighton u.r. at Chepstow Dec 22, previously was beaten 7l by Charter Party (rec 8lb) at Worcester (3m) Dec 19 (heavy).

THE TSAREVICH may give the weight to Aces Wild

3.50 (Prefix 5): RIPLEY NOVICES' HURDLE 4-Y-O £2,159 2m (14)

1 111F18 BEAT THE RETREAT (CD) (BF) (D. Steele), J. Jenkins, 11-6 J. Francome
2 131 NOHALMDUN (D) (Ulceby Farms Ltd), M. H. Easterby, 11-4 J. O'Neill
6 BALKAN DANCER (J. Hughes), Miss L. Bower, 10-9 ... R. Rowell
8 00 COLDHARBOUR LAD (E. Beever), E. Beever, 10-9 P. Guest (4)
9 P4P3P COUNTRY CAP (R. Townsend), W. T. Kemp, 10-9 ... S. Shilston
11 04 FLYING TENDERFOOT (BL) (Mrs J. Harvey), P. Bailey, 10-9 R. Linley
13 0 FREEMASON (Mrs C. Beath), O. Sherwood, 10-9 ... R. Davies
14 JONIX (Miss V. Willis), G. Gracey, 10-9 ...... Lorna Vincent
15 2 LORD BUTCH (R. Howe), R. Howe, 10-9 ...... M. Furlong
16 04 MR GREGORY (BL) (A. Leiper), G. Balding, 10-9 ... B. Reilly
18 OLD ALEX (T. Thorn), J. Bridger, 10-9 ...... R. Goldstein
20 RESPITE (R. Richmond-Watson), J. Webber, 10-9 ... G. McCourt
33 0 THE PROCESSOR (J. Hurst), R. Howe, 10-9 ...... P. Howe (7)
34 0 FOLKLAND (T. Kanasashi), D. Arbuthnot, 10-4 Mr T. Thomson Jones

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Beat The Retreat, 3 Nohalmdun, 6 Flying Tenderfoot, 9 Mr Gregory, 10 Freemason, 16 others.

1984: Lochboisdale 10-10 S. Smith Eccles 25-1 J. King, 24 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Beat The Retreat was beaten nk by Mariners Dream (rec 8lb) at Wincanton (2m) Jan 25 (good to soft). Previously Beat The Retreat beat Pukka Major (rec 8lb) by 2l over the course and distance Jan 5 with Flying Tenderfoot (rec 8lb) a further 15½l 4th (good to soft). Nohalmdun beat Against The Grain (gave 6lb) by ¾l at Leicester (2m) Jan 1 (soft). Lord Butch was beaten 2l by Springle (gave 2lb) at Ludlow (2m) Dec 18 with The Processor (rec 7lb) 8th of 18 (good to soft). Mr Gregory was beaten 8½l when 4th to Super Express (level) at Kempton (2½m) Dec 27 (good to soft). Freemason was beaten 28l when 5th to Ace of Spies (level) at Newbury (2m 100y) Dec 29 with Folkland (rec 5lb) 9th of 19 (soft). Coldharbour Lad was a distant 5th to Pukka Major (gave 4lb) at Folkestone (2m 110y) Jan 26 (heavy).

BEAT THE RETREAT is preferred to Nohalmdun

4.5: GAINSBOROUGH 'CHASE (Limited Handicap) £15,720 3m 118y (1)

1 1-31111 BURROUGH HILL LAD (CD) (R. Riley), Mrs J. Pitman, 9 12-0 J. Francome

WALKS OVER

1984: Burrough Hill Lad 8 11-10 J. Francome 11-8 Mrs J. Pitman, 5 ran.

TOTE DOUBLE: 2.50 & 3.50 races. TREBLE: 2.15 & 3.20 (two legs only).

Yesterday's racing results and starting prices at three meetings

SANDOWN PARK

Going: SOFT

1.30: FEBRUARY NOV HDLE (Div. II Penalty value £1,598 2m

OXHEY COTTAGE, ch g Deep Run—Vaguely Vulgar (G. Johnson), 6 11-0 S Smith Eccles ... 5-1 1
EMERALD WATSON, ch g Free State—Go Gracefully (Mrs B. Samuel), 5 11-5 J. Francome ... 5-1 2
HUNTER RIVER, b g Sunyboy—Pearl River (R. Sutherland), 7 11-1 R. Chapman ... 11-10F 3

Also: 16 Harbour Bridge (6th), Music Lover (p.u.), Silent Surrender, 20 Ecuepong, Granite Castle, St Andrew's Bay (5th), Superline, Torymore Green, 25 Penny Royal, 33 Charlie November (p.u.), Ten In Hand, 50 Castilore Lad (p.u.), Flag Of Truce, Jagatek, Jezali (p.u.), Snowball Darcy (4th), Tudor Squire, Ugonita. 21 ran. 3l, 4l, 5l, 3l, 1½l. (N. Henderson, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £3·90; places, £1·30, £1·70, £1·20; Dual F'cast: £6·80. SPSF: £32·05.

2.0: PARK H'CAP 'CH £2,418 2m 18y

LEFRAK CITY, ch g Saintly Song—Sweet Delphine (Mrs D. Twine), 8 10-7 H. Davies ... 9-2 1
TOIRDEALBHACH, ch h Florescence—Ancremeda Nebula (H. McCreevy), 11 10-12 J. Francome ... 9-2 2
SPANISH STREAK, b g Blue Streak—Native Senorita (Mrs M. Enbank), 8 10-0 S. Moore ... 33-1 3

Also: 9-4F Brave George, 11-2 River Rhe (5th), 8 Loryster (3th), 15 Falkland Palace (4th). 7 ran. ¾l, 20l, 3l, 3l, 25l. (T. Forster, Wantage.) Tote: Win, £5·10; places, £1·90, £1·30; Dual F'cast: £7·30. SPSF: £31·21.

Objection by 2nd to winner overruled.

2.30: FAIRMILE NOV H'CAP 'CH £2,717 3m 118y

MEMBRIDGE, ch g New Member—Miss Stalbridge (P. Dufosee), 10 10-1 R. Dunwoody ... 20-1 1
GEATA AN UISCE, b g Prince Regent — Zambezi (P. Mann), 7 10-12 M. Brennan ... 8-1 2
EMPEROR CHARLES, b g Menelek—Romp (R E A Bott Ltd), 8 11-10 J. Francome ... 7-2F 3

Also: 4 Wyford (4th), 9-2 Sign Again (u.r.), 14-2 Upham Reilly (p.u.), 9 Golden Minstrel (p.u.), Sir Kenwin, 33 Ryedale (ref). 9 ran. 12l, 12l, 4l, 1½l. (P. Dufosee, Warminster.) Tote: Win, £15·20; places, £2·00, £2·85, £2·30; Dual F'cast: £162·30. SPSF: £148·29.

3.5: WILFRED JOHNSTONE HUNTERS' 'CH £1,836 2½m 68y

FURTHER THOUGHT, b g Ginger Boy—Smudge (Mrs V. Bergh), Mr T. Thomson Jones ... 13-8F 1
ROYAL JUDGEMENT, b g Arctic Judge—Queen of the May (Lady Rooter), 12 11-10 ...
PRINCE'S RISK, b g Prince Regent—Tamarisk (A. Wright), 11 11-10 Mr A. J. Wilson ... 16-1 3

Also: 7-2 Henry Kissinger (5th), 11-2 Lit'm (4th), 8 Fixed Price (f), 50 Coolerin Boy (p.u.), Tanzenb (p.u.). 8 ran. 20l, 4l, 7l, 3l, 25l. (Mr V. Bergh.) Tote: Win, £2·60; places, £1·80, £1·60, £1·20. Dual F'cast: £7·00. SPSF: £7·61. NR: Dancing Brig.

3.35: WAVENDON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' H'CAP HDLE £2,012

MISTY DALE, ch g D-Irma—Hasty Bit (D. Rowe), 7 11-9 M. Bosley ... 7-1 1
GRUNDY GLOW, b g Grundy—Pierre Tricks (A. Kaplan), 5 10-12 M. Pitman ... 7-4F 2

THE JOESTAN, b g King's Equity—Meneiata (S. Powell), 6 10-2 P. Corrigan ... 7-1 3

Also: 15-2 Champagne Charlie (4th), 9 Fortune Cookie (p.u.), 10 Polish, 12 Martial Commander (6th), Wetheld (f), 14 Pacifist, 33 Limp (f), Lisardo, 66 Fine Tale (5th), Darlcan, Caribline (p.u.). 14 ran. 8l, 10l, 3l, d.at, 8l. (Mrs J. Pitman, Upper Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £8·30; places, £2·10, £1·80, £2·30; Dual F'cast: £6·00. SPSF: £18·96. Tricast: £85·01.

4.5: FEBRUARY NOV HDLE (Div. II) £1,589 2m

KINGSWICK, br g King's Bishop—Caught In The Act (Sdux Ltd), 5 11-0 J. Francome ... 8-11F 1
THE ARGONAUT, br g Showoff or Captain Jason — Syntal (Queen Mother), 7 11-0 S. Shilston ... 11-4 2
RODNERS, b g Relko—Collateral (Lord Vestey), 5 11-0 S. Smith Eccles ... 8-1 3

Also: 10 Rom (4th), 33 Alpine Air (f), Star of Salford, Stingo (6th), 50 Rackcracker (5th), Foxhaven, Giles Cross, Liberty Walk (ref), Mend Your Ways, Point Clear, Winslow (p.u.), Acer Diamond. 13 ran. 4l, 4l, 25l, 6l, 1½l. (F. Winter, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £1·80; places, £1·10, £1·50, £1·20. Dual F'cast: £2·00. SPSF: £3·25. NR's: Fort Nayef, Mr Jakes, Rodmel.

TOTE DOUBLE: Membridge, Misty Dale £248·55. TREBLE: Lefrak City, Further Thought, Kingswick £13·80. JACKPOT: Not won. Pool £8,836 44 carried forward to Sandown today.

NEWTON ABBOT

Going: HEAVY

1.45 (2m 150y hdle): Kescast (R. Powell, 10-1) 1; Imperial Champagne (J. Burst, 33-1) 2; Hasty Thief (F. Byrne, 7-1) 3. Also: 7 Coo Yourself On (p.u.), 10 Candy Man, 11 Lille (4th), 12 Arrogance (p.u.), 14 Lady Brooklyn, 16 Sharp Parson, 20 Another Flip (f), Clayhill Girl (p.u.), Wild Queen (6th), 33 Prince Vidar (5th), Thistle Blue. 14 ran. 15l, 25l, 3l, 15l, 8l. (L. Kennard, Taunton.) Tote: Win, £1·80; places, £1·40, £4·90, £2·00. Dual F'cast: £35·70. SPSF: £36·39. NRs: Chance Fact & Chase The Clouds.

2.15 (3m 150y 'ch): Fire Drill (A. Jones, 13-2) 1; Pomposity (W. Knox, 8-1) 2; Dishcloth (G. Evans, 7-1) 3. Also: 3JFs Bickleigh Bridge (p.u.), Roqairlo (p.u.), 8 Golden Horner (5th), 9 Mood Music (4th), 10 Captain Pat (p.u.). 8 ran. 1l, 8l, 8l, 25l. (R. Bishop, Bridgwater.) Tote: Win, £4·50; places, £2·20, £2·00, £3·20; Dual F'cast: £43·00. SPSF: £51·18.

2.45 (3m 5½f hdle): Gold Tycoon (A. Webb, 3-1F) 1; Saratlan (B. Powell, 7-1) 2; Golden Brigadier (F. Murphy, 10-1) 3; Meldon Lady (L. Bloomfield, 8-1) 4. Also: 6 Wild Corn, 8 Road to Mandalay, 12 Commonty, Stand Easy (f), 14 Silver Sye (p.u.), 20 Miss Willie (6th), Mossal (p.u.), Princess Isis, Tinht Turn (p.u.), 25 Toulouse (5th), Getting Plenty, 33 Shantitout, 66 Onis A Fool (p.u.), Toutles Able. 18 ran. 7l, 1l, 3l, 6l, 1½l, 1l. (J. Spearing, Alcester.) Tote: Win, £4·10; places, £2·00, £1·80, £2·90, £1·30; Dual F'cast: £8·70. SPSF: £23·43. Tricast: £186·44.

3.15 (2m 150y hdle): Corrumary (C. Brown, 8-13F) 1; Baker House (S. McNeill, 11-2) 2; 1 Appeal (C. Hopwood, 33-1) 3. Also, 8 Chase The Clouds (4th), 9 Hay Fever (6th), 14 Newton Park (p.u.), 25 Ecol (p.u.), Mr Bennington (5th), 33 Smooth Operator. 9 ran. 1l, 15l, 20l, 1½l, dist. (D. Elsworth, Whitsbury.) Tote: Win, £1·70; places, £1·10, £1·70, £5·80; Dual F'cast: £3·40. SPSF: £4·35.

3.45 (3¼m 100y 'ch): Bay Forest (S. McNeill, 5-2) 1; Arctic Mariner (Miss T. Turner, 9-4JF) 2; Gilded Gamble (Mrs L. Mills, 14-1) 3. Also: 9-4JF Master Smudge (4th), 7 Prince Ruskins. 5 ran. 14l, dist, 3l, dist. (Mrs E. Kennard, Taunton.) Tote: Win, £5·20; places, £1·60, £1·60. Dual F'cast: £4·30. SPSF: £7·90. NR: Roystar.

4.15 (2m 150y hdle): Isom Dart (B. Wright, 10-1) 1; Flaming Pearl (P. Leach, 8-11F) 2; Tarquin Queen (G. Charles-Jones, 20-1) 3. Also: 5 Record Red (p.u.), 7 Briddine (4th), 8 Majuba Hill, 20 Bally Code (5th), Blue Sparkle, Clever Annie, Doubtini Pact, Kano Flower (6th), Tom's Whats, Isamme, 25 Chezari, 33 Cervante Sovereign (p.u.), Chilly Miss (p.u.), Inca Tniol. 16 ran. 4l, 12l, 25l, 6l, 3l. (T. Hallett, Saltash.) Tote: Win, £10·00; places, £3·40, £1·40, £7·20; Dual F'cast: £13·60. SPSF: £20·61.

PLACEPOT: £29·20.

KELSO

Going: 'Ch SOFT, Hdle HEAVY

1.0: Jockanibel (D. Coakley, Evens F) 1; Woodburgh (9-1) 2; Rubesca (33-1) 3. 10 ran. 15l, 30l. (D. Thomson.) Tote: Win, £1·90; places, £1·10, £2·20, £8·20; Dual F'cast: £13·50. SPSF: £10·97. N.R.: Mighty Run.

1.30: Warren Gorse (W. Hayes, 7-2F) 1; La Di Da (5-1) 2; Part-Ex (7-2JF) 3. 9 ran. 3l, 10l, 7l, 30l, 2½l. (S. Avery.) Tote: Win, £3·70; places, £1·30, £1·40, £1·90; Dual F'cast: £4·43. SPSF: £19·24.

2.0: Miss Spirit (A. Stringer 6-1) 1; On Leave (9-4F) 2; Hary Day (9-2) 3. 13 ran. 3l, 15l. (D. Lee.) Tote: Win, £4·50; places, £1·60, £1·20, £1·10; Dual F'cast: £6·80. SPSF: £18·8?.

2.30: Tergy Foster (R. Lamb, 4-1) 1; Proud Con (6-4F) 2; Sea Sand (14-1) 3. 11 ran. 3l, 15l. (W. A. Stephenson.) Tote: Win, £4·30; places, £2·00, £1·70, £14·20; Dual F'cast: £8·60. SPSF: £9·87. NR: Joniani.

3.0: Radsworth Boy (R. Earnshaw, 1-3F) 1; Press Gang (9-1) 2; Quay Man (15-1) 3. 6 ran. 8l, 10l. (Mrs M. Dickinson.) Tote: Win, £1·10; places, £1·40, £1·30; Dual F'cast: £2·40. SPSF: £4·25.

3.30: Miss Goldiggsy (M. Hindley, evens F) 1; Joca (33-1) 2; Cheerful Days (6-4) 3. 9 ran. 20l, 1½l, 2l. (M. W. Easterby.) Tote: Win, £2·20; places, £1·00, £2·80, £1·60; Dual F'cast: £46·90. SPSF: £29·51.

4.0: Fox-U-More (T. G. Dun, 3-1F) 1; Little Frenchman (9-4) 2; Mountain Hays (11-1) 3. 6 ran. 8l, 5l. (K. Oliver.) Tote: Win, £2·70; places, £1·10, £1·30; Dual F'cast: £2·00. SPSF: £6·83.

PLACEPOT: £1·90.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WETHERBY

Course Winners.—2.0 (3m 100y 'ch): Earls Brig (3m 100y 'ch), Phil The Fluter (2m hdle; 3m 100y 'ch twice), Onapromise (2½m 100y 'ch twice; 3m 100y 'ch), Sunset Cristo (3m 100y 'ch), Grinders (2½m 100y 'ch). 2.30 (2½m 100y 'ch): Snow Blessed (2½m 100y 'ch). 3.0 (2½m hdle): Angelo Salvini (2½m hdle), Eboracum (2½m hdle), Crackhill (2m hdle), Turi (2m hdle), Sweet Colleen (2m hdle twice). 3.30 (2½m 100y 'ch): Cheekio Ora (2½m 100y 'ch), Ingham (3m hdle twice), Pennine Derek (3m hdle), Spring Moon (2m hdle), The Drunken Duck (3m 100y 'ch), The Heenan Kid (3m 100y 'ch).

Jockeys (since August 1979).—Lamb 25, J. O'Neill 25, Grant 24, Mr T. Easterby 19, Hawkins 16, Bradley 15, D. Browne 15, Dutton 12, Tuck 11, Whyte 11, A. Brown 9, Earnshaw 9, Pimlott 5.

Trainers.—M. H. Easterby 44, W. A. Stephenson 36, Crump 21, Richards 19, Denys Smith 15, M. W. Easterby 14.

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...y DAVID WELCH

...ARM, who clinched the men's riding title ... DAILY TELEGRAPH Cup ... David Turner with two ... in the last eight days ... e 1984 season, reverts ... adies' races when the ... term opens today.

... runs at the Eastern ... rs fixtures at Higham ... ill be ridden by Turner's ... Josie Shepherd.

... of his rivals is Graham ... n's Random Lez, winner ... en races last year. He will ... rinered as usual by Josie ... 's champion Jenny Pidgeon ... ay be more forward than ...

... Turner horses, though ... ed to have been going well ... he ... They always do there, ... they ...," said David, "... ed to be a little rusty ... started serious work only ... week.

Lee delays

... Tangle, last year's winner ... Audi qualifier, goes for ... djacent race, but Mussel ... Deep Run gelding formerly ... Graham Thorner, may be ... watch.

... Staff College and RMA ... urst meeting at Tweseldown ... has been robbed of some ... interest by Richard Lee's ... on to wait another week ... running his horses.

... dging by the way the ... d today we could probably ... run," he said yesterday. ... I like to err on the side of ... usness."

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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...R-SE SPECIALIST ... WETHERBY

QPR fail to tempt Webb

NEIL WEBB, Portsmouth's highly-regarded young midfield player, yesterday rejected the chance of a £250,000 move to Queens Park Rangers, writes **Michael Calvin.**

He will stay at Fratton Park until the end of the season, but kept his options open by reiterating his determination not to be pressured into signing a new contract.

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, hopes a successful promotion challenge will persuade Webb, whose admirers also include Arsenal and Aston Villa, to stay.

Frank Sibley, QPR's caretaker manager, took his failure philosophically, saying: "Neil felt it was a big decision in his life. He needed more time to think things over."

Hamilton operation

Oxford, Portsmouth's Second Division rivals, will enter the transfer market as a result of Billy Hamilton, their Northern Ireland striker, having a cartilage operation yesterday.

Dean Neil, Millwall's leading scorer for the past two seasons, has had his transfer request granted but David Fairclough, the former Liverpool forward who has been released by Lucerne, will not be joining Wolves.

Norwich have abandoned temporarily their attempts to sign Keith Waugh, the Sheffield United goalkeeper, as cover for Chris Woods, and Paul Barron has been recalled from his loan spell at Stoke to play in the West **Bromwich Albion** goal at Manchester United.

That, added to the unenviable problems of Bill Asprey. The Stoke manager was forced to obtain special dispensation from the League to enable Port Vale's Barry Siddall to play at Sunderland.

TODAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES

(Kick-off 3 p.m. unless stated)

CANON LGE—Div. I

1 Arsenal v Coventry
2 Aston Villa v Ipswich
3 Everton v Watford
4 Leicester v Chelsea
5 Luton v Tottenham
6 Man. Utd v W. Bromwich
7 Norwich v Nottm F.
8 Q P R v Southampton
9 Sheff. Wed. v Liverpool
10 Sunderland v Stoke
11 West Ham v Newcastle

DIVISION II

12 Cardiff v Middlesbrough
13 Carlisle v Oxford
14 C. Palace v Man. City
15 Fulham v Brighton
16 Grimsby v Sheff. Utd
17 Huddersfield v Birmingham
18 Notts Co. v Shrewsbury
19 Oldham v Leeds
20 Portsmouth v Charlton
21 Wimbledon v Blackburn
22 Wolves v Barnsley

DIVISION III

23 Bolton v Doncaster
24 Bournemouth v Bristol R.
25 Bradford C. v Orient
26 Brentford v Cambridge
27 Bristol C. v Walsall
28 Burnley v Rotherham
29 Gillingham v Swansea
30 Lincoln v Derby
31 Millwall v Newport
32 Preston v Plymouth
33 Reading v Hull
34 York v Wigan

DIVISION IV

35 Chester v Blackpool
36 Chesterfield v Bury
37 Darlington v Aldershot
38 Peterborough v Torquay
39 Port Vale v Hereford
40 Rochdale v Tranmere
41 Swindon v Mansfield

SCOTTISH LGE—Prem. Div.

42 Dumbarton v Aberdeen
43 Dundee U. v Hibernian
44 Rangers v Morton
45 St Mirren v Celtic

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. I

46 Ayr v Meadowbank
47 Clydebank v Brechin
48 East Fife v Airdrie
49 Forfar v Clyde
50 Hamilton v Falkirk
51 Partick v Kilmarnock
52 St Johnstone v Motherwell

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

53 Albion v Montrose
54 Arbroath v Stenhousemuir
55 Berwick v Q. of South
— Cowdenbeath v E. Stirling
— Queen's Pk v Dunfermline
— Raith v Alloa
— Stirling v Stranraer

(Numbers as on P.P.A. Coupons)

SPURS ON THE RUN-IN AFTER LUTON HURDLE

By MICHAEL CALVIN

TOTTENHAM'S theory that the League title will provide spectacular compensation for their failure in domestic Cup competition will be put to the test at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Peter Shreeves, whose side remains confident of retaining the U E F A Cup, stopped short of the professional heresy of welcoming their F A Cup exit at Liverpool.

Yet he acknowledged: "Now we can plan our season. In the past we have suffered from the strain of being involved in too many competitions."

Mr Shreeves also recognises the advantages of the fact that, after today's game, 10 of their 17 outstanding First Division fixtures are at home.

But David Pleat, who has never beaten Spurs in seven years as Luton manager, believes that Sheffield Wednesday's relentless style is more difficult to contain.

He is looking for Peter Nicholas, *his new signing,* to emerge as a stabilising influence in midfield, where Tottenham will have Gary Mabbutt and Glenn Hoddle operating in tandem.

Attacking talent

There is also a temptation to exploit the raw attacking talent of Emeka Nwajiobi against a defence reorganised around Gary Stevens.

Watford's Luther Blissett, whose exuberant style has survived the trauma of a calamitous season in Italy, will renew his attacking partnership with Jimmy Gilligan at Everton, the League leaders.

Blissett has scored 13 goals in 27 matches and Graham Taylor, his manager, stresses: "He is maturing both as a person and a player. He wanted things to be too perfect earlier in the season but now he's relying on his natural pace and enthusiasm again."

Sheffield Wednesday, fourth in the table, are unchanged against **Liverpool** but **Chelsea,** their Milk Cup rivals, are exhibiting the damaging side-effects of success.

Colin Lee is out for the visit to Leicester, their fifth match in a fortnight, and with Colin Pates and Keith Jones facing fitness tests, Keith Dublin and Micky Droy have been summoned to provide defensive cover.

Dave Watson will confirm his recovery from a ligament injury by captaining **Norwich** against Nottingham Forest, while Alvin Martin, his international rival, will play with a broken nose for **West Ham** against **Newcastle.**

Arthur Dunn Cup

LANCING MAY HAVE EDGE

Two Arthur Dunn Cup second round matches take place today and probably include the four strongest teams left in the competition.

The Lancing Old Boys' game against the Old Carthusians is a re-run of last year's final which Lancing deservedly won 2-0 and though they are missing Wyatt, their leading goalscorer, they may have the edge.

Malvernians, with ground advantage, start as favourites against the **Bradfieldians** but they were not convincing in the last round, though winning 5-1 against Cholmeleians.

'NO' TO PALACE

Crystal Palace yesterday had a £55,000 offer for Manchester United winger Alan Davies and reserve defender Billy Garton rejected.

MICHELS ILL

Rinus Michels, 57, trainer of Holland's national team, has been advised by doctors not to resume work for three months following a light heart attack.

GONZALEZ DIES

Daniel Gonzalez, 30, the Uruguayan international, has died after a car crash in Rio de Janeiro.

Other obituaries—P10

Cricket

HUGHES 12th MAN

Kim Hughes, who resigned as Australian captain after the second Test against the West Indies last November, has been recalled as 12th man for the World Series tournament match against Sri Lanka in Perth tomorrow. He replaces Craig McDermott who has a throat infection.

Arsenal's test of character

Don Howe last night recognised the need for Arsenal to make instant amends for their FA Cup humiliation at York.

Still pondering the possibility of dropping Charlie Nicholas for today's visit of Coventry to Highbury, he admitted: "We all face a real test of character.

"I am not here to make excuses for the players, but I saw nothing wrong with our attitude and commitment at York. We just didn't play well."

Extra training

Mr Howe has, however, supervised extra training sessions for his players this week and refuses to shirk the personal implications of failure.

"I am aware the onus is on me to be successful," he said. "I accept the pressures associated with a club like Arsenal and the players know what I expect. If they give me what I want I'll stick by them."

MICHAEL CALVIN

Soccer Review

COLCHESTER SURGE

Colchester's surge for promotion from Division Four continued last night when they defeated Northampton 4-1.

After crushing Southend 5-2 on Tuesday Colchester moved into fifth place with a workmanlike performance.

Rudi Hedman, signed only three day ago as a professional, gave Colchester the lead. Tony Adcock added the second after 25 minutes. Keith Day made it three with his first goal for the club and Noel Parkinson completed the Colchester tally.

Brian Mundee grabbed a consolation goal for Northampton two minutes from time.

Southend, who have had their problems this season, swept into a 37th-minute lead at Exeter through Steve Phillips but a penalty from Ray Pratt in the 64th minute levelled the scores.

With time running out Trevor Morgan pounced for Exeter in the 86th minute to ease Exeter's re-election worries.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

CANON LGE—DIV. IV

Colchester (0) 4 Nrthmptn (0) 1
Hedman — Mundge
Adcock
Day
Parkinson —2,514

Crewe (1) 2 Hartlepool (0) 0
Platt
Ciss —1,547

Exeter (0) 2 Southend (1) 1
Pratt — Phillips
Morgan —2,337

Halifax (1) 1 Scunthorpe (0) 2
Lowe — Whitehead
—1,517 — Broddle

Stockport (1) 2 Wrexham (1) 2
Sword 2 (1 pen) — Steel
—1,714 — Cunningham

IRISH LGE.—Glentoran 6, Larne 0.
INTER-CITY T'MENT. — Final: Kuala Lumpur City 2, Zurich Grasshoppers 4 (Kuala Lumpur).
SCHOOLS.—U-15: Millfield 3, Avon Schools FA 3.
RUGBY UNION.—Club: Bath 28, Rosslyn Pk 9—Bristol 3, Gloucester 0—Esher 15, Camborne 10—Maesteg 5, Neath 32—Newbridge 15, Pontypool 25—Northampton 18, Saracens 9.
Tour match: Surrey U-21 26, Beziers, France 9.

ALL-TICKET TIE

The F A Cup fifth round match between Blackburn and Manchester United on Feb. 15, which is live on television, will be all-ticket. United supporters will be restricted to one end of Ewood Park, which has an official capacity of nearly 24,000.

Doug Mountjoy in action at Wembley yesterday. He took the deciding frame against Tony Meo, of Morden, to win a place in the semi-finals.

Mountjoy through after long haul

By JANICE HALE

WELSH champion Doug Mountjoy took the deciding frame to beat Tony Meo 5-4 and reach the semi-finals of the £150,000 Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

To reach his first major semi-final for two years, Mountjoy had to survive a marathon session which ended just five minutes before the evening match was due to start. In playing time alone, the nine frames lasted four hours 35 minutes.

The pattern of long frames was set early in the match. The first, which Mountjoy won, lasted 42 minutes and the second, despite a break of 60 from the Welshman, 31.

Meo won the next, at 43 minutes, the longest, to pull up to 1-2 but slipped 1-3 behind after a frame in which the referee three times replaced the cue-ball behind the brown having adjudged that Meo had not made a genuine escape attempt.

Missed green

Breaks of 38 and 41 helped him level at 3-3 and, after Mountjoy had taken the seventh frame comfortably with the aid of a 56, Meo forced the match to a deciding frame after Mountjoy had missed the green in attempting to get position on the brown.

Neither player was really able to get the upper hand in the decider but Meo crucially left the last two reds possible in escaping from a snooker.

Although Mountjoy did not win the frame until later, it did enable him to take the lead before he concluded the match by doubling the pink.

QTR-FINAL.—D. Mountjoy (Ewyas Harold) bt T. Meo (Morden) 5-4. Frames (Mountjoy first): 73-39, 72-31, 40-64, 92-27, 25-80, 28-76, 109-8, 48-79, 64-38.

Last Night's Rugby

BATH'S FLOW TOO STRONG FOR PARK

Bath 28 pts, Rosslyn Pk 9

BATH, even with three key players away on England duty, proved far too strong for Rosslyn Park and cruised to victory although they were disrupted by second half injuries.

Bath won plentiful possession from every phase from the start and Park's only counter seemed to lie in standing up as close as they could to the advantage line. It cost them penalties galore but Bath frittered most of them away, even from easy positions.

Nevertheless, they were always in command from the moment,

THREE SENT OFF

Three players were sent off in last night's derby betwen Bristol and Gloucester. First to go was Gloucester flanker Jeremy Bennett in the 50 minute for a late tackle. Twenty minutes later referee Roger Parker sent off Bristol prop John Doubleday and Gloucester second row Nigel Scrivens for fighting. Bristol won 3 points to nil.

after five minutes, when David Trick, on the right wing, wriggled 35 yards for an amazing try which John Palmer converted.

Park pulled back a penalty goal by John Graves but Bath remained in charge

Roger Spurrell, their captain, finished off a surging drive by his pack for their second try, which Palmer converted. As a succession of penalty failures followed the job passed to Chris Stanley, the scrum-half, who obliged with his first attempt.

Graves landed his second penalty for the Park before half-time but the second half continued in Bath's favour and the effervescent Trick, coming in from the blind side wing, scored his second try.

As Bath suffered further problems, Alun Rees, centre, limping off, they had to bring on David Sole, prop forward, on the wing.

Predictably, the Park came more into the game with Martin Sparkes and Cedric Carr, the wings, running forcefully. But they failed to break down a resolute Bath defence and Paul Simpson, flanker, wrapped it up with another try for Bath before Graves kicked his third penalty goal.

Bath.— J. Palmer; D. Trick, S. Halliday, A. Rees, B. Trevaskis; J. Horton, C. Stanley; G. Chilcott, G. Bess, R. Lee, N. Gaymond, N. Redman, R. Spurrell, P. Simpson, D. Egerton.

Rosslyn Park.—J. Graves; C. Carr, N. Anderson, J. Ager, M. Sparkes; M. Germon, G. Henderson; J. Kingston, D. Barnett, S. Henderson, S. Bruton, P. Crawley, P. Tayler, A. Brooks, A. Ripley.

Referee.—B. Abrahams (E Midlands).

Rally Driving

'MONTE' GOES TO VATANEN

Ari Vatanen of Finland overcame an eight-minute time penalty to drive his Peugeot 205 to victory over Walter Roehrl of West Germany in the 53rd Monte Carlo Rally yesterday.

Vatanen completed the last time trial and crossed the finish five minutes 17 seconds ahead of four-times winner Roehrl in a four-wheel-drive Audi Quattro.

The two had exchanged the lead three times. Vatanen was penalised eight minutes on Wednesday for clocking in too early at a checkpoint but over the last two days he used his Turbo-powered Peugeot to best effect on the dry roads.

MONTE CARLO RALLY (official final placings): A. Vatanen (Finland Peugeot 205) 10hrs 20min 49sec, 1; W. Roehrl (W Ger, Audi Quattro) at 5-17, 2; T. Salonen (Finland, Peugeot 205) at 10-5, 3; S. Blomqvist (Sweden, Audi Quattro) at 19-23, 4; B. Saby (France, Peugeot 205) at 19-56, 5; H. Toivonen (Finland, Lancia) at 22-27, 6.

LAWN TENNIS

US NAT. INDOOR CH'SHIPS (Memphis, Tennessee).—3rd Rnd: S. Edberg (Sweden) bt M. Davis 7-6, 6-0; G. Holmes bt J. Krick 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; E. Teltscher bt R. Krishnan (India) 6-3, 6-1; Y. Noah (France) bt Tim Gullikson 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; B. Gilbert bt J. Lapidus 6-1, 6-4; K. Curren (S. Africa) bt J. Sadri 6-4, 6-4; S. Perkiss (Israel) bt B. Becker (W Germany) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; J. Connors bt L. Shiras 6-7, 6-2, 7-6.

Golf

McNULTY SURGES AHEAD

By ADRIAN FREDERICK in Mbabane, Swaziland

WARREN HUMPHREYS finished the third round of the Swazi Sun Open only three strokes behind leader Mark McNulty but feels he has no chance of winning.

"It would need everyone else in the field to break a leg," said Humphreys after a 70 that gave him a 12-under-par 204.

McNulty birdied two of the last three holes for a 67 that put him level on 201, a stroke ahead of Phil Simmons.

Humphreys has yet to win a tournament. "To be frank, these days I don't expect to win," he said. "I've had so many seconds I just feel that if I was meant to win it would have happened by now."

This somewhat surprising negative attitude certainly did not show itself yesterday. He scrambled a lot and showed tremendous fortitude to salvage a 70 and for the second successive day made an eagle three on the 12th.

Equal best

Mark Johnson brought in an equal best of the day, 66, to move into a share of 10th position with a total of 207. His round included a six at the long 14th.

Ian Mosey hit 17 greens in regulation but did not have a good day with the putter and his 70 put him on 208. With him on that score was Steve Bennett who shot a 66 with six birdies and no dropped shots.

"I'm hitting my drives like a frozen rope and with a bit of luck I could have scored 62," said Bennett.

201—M. McNulty 70, 64, 67.
202—P. Simmons 71, 65, 66.
204—T. Claassens 70, 67, 67; S. Hobday 66, 70, 68; B. Smith 68, 67, 69; T. Britz 66, 68, 70; W. Humphreys 67, 67, 70. A. Henning 65, 68, 71.

British & Irish scores: 207—M. Johnson 68, 73, 66. 208—I. Mosey 70, 66, 70; S. Bennett 73, 69, 66. 209—D. Cooper 75, 69, 65. 210—N. Godin 68, 71, 71. 212 — D. Feherty 74, 69, 69. 213—A. Chandler 71, 74, 68. 214—D. Durnian 72, 72, 70. 215—P. Harrison 69, 75, 71. 217—A. Sherborne 70, 75, 72. 219—R. Joyce 68, 77, 74. 220—P. Parkin 69, 74, 77.

Women's Golf

COLES GOES INTO LEAD

By BILL JOHNSON in Bangkok

AN impressive four-under-par 68 carried Julie Cole, from the United States, into the lead after the second round of the £18,000 Thailand Open at the Unico Club, Bangkok, yesterday.

More leading pin placements lowered the scoring and Miss Cole, with a one-under-par 36 holes aggregate of 143, takes a two strokes lead from the Taiwan pair Wu Ming-Yeh and Huang Yueh-chyn into today's final round.

Britain's Maxine Burton, only two strokes off the lead at the end of the first round, was unable to recapture earlier form and with a 78 slipped back to 152.

143—J. Cole (US) 75, 68.
145—W. Ming-Yeh (Taiwan) 74, 71; H. Yueh-Chyn (Taiwan) 72, 73.
146—T. Fernando (Sri Lanka) 74, 72.
147—R. Hast (GB) 75, 72; E. Alles (US) 75, 72.
148—K. Ikoma (Jap) 74, 74; T. Ishikawa (Jap) 76, 72; S. Seman (US) 72, 76; T. Welborn (US) 75, 73.
Other scores: 152—M. Burton (GB) 74, 78; B. Boozer (US) 75, 77.

Swimming

TWO GOOD WARM-UPS

By PAT BESFORD

MURRAY BUSWELL and Sandra Bowman, better known as breast stroke swimmers, turned their arms and legs to medley racing at the 22-Nation Dianna Meeting in Paris yesterday.

Their efforts did not bring medals but their respective sixth place over 200 metres were promising warm-ups for their speciality stroke events today and tomorrow.

Buswell has gone through to the final in the 25 metre Boulogne-Billancourt pool, as third fastest with a personal best of 2min 7·11sec, a one and a half second improvement and a like amount outside the English record.

In the final he was second, third and second after the butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke legs but could not hold the field on the last two freestyle laps.

The Leeds City man, swimming for the England Yorkshire Bank team said: "My backstroke isn't good but I should have gone faster on breast stroke. I stupidly let myself get nervous in the final."

Miss Bowman, of Darlington, sprinted up in an outside lane to be the best of the three English girls in her final. Behind her was Zara Long, 14, who swam this event at the Los Angeles Olympics where she had been the baby of the British team. She had also qualified in third spot but dropped to seventh in the race that mattered.

MEN

200m Freestyle: T. Stachewicz (Australia) 1min 49·81sec (Australian record) 1; P. Howe (England) 1-53·28, 7. 100m Butterfly: D. Halsall (Switzerland) 55·28, 1. 200m Medley: L. Carbonari (Italy) 2-4·77, 1; M. Buswell (England) 2-7·56, 6; R. Brew (Scotland) 2-8·82, 10.

WOMEN

200m Freestyle: A. McVann (Australia) 2-1·52, 1; L. Donnelly (Scotland) 2-6·26, 9. 800m: McVann 8-27·85 (Australian record) 1. 100m Butterfly: T. Kurn'kova (USSR) 1-1·63, 1; D. Lord (Scotland) 1-5·87, 11. 200m Medley: E. Dendeberova (USSR) 2-14·46, 1; S. Bowman 2-22·21, 6; Z. Long 2-22·85, 7; C. White (All England) 2-24·02, 8.

SKI-ING

BRITISH NAT & ARMY CH'SHIPS (Zwiesel, W. Germany).—Biathlon relay Morrisey, Howdle. Lap (4 x 7·5 km): 2h 18m 12s, 1; 42 Cdo Royal Marines (Moore, Nagi, Lent, McLeod) 2-23·00, 2; 45 Cdo RM (Frogwood, McDermott, Wylie, Winterton) 2-24·40, 3.

PRINCESS MARINA T'MENT (after five events).—1 Armoured Div Tpt Regt 12 pts, 1; 22 Signal Regt, 15, 2; 35 Engr Regt, 17, 3.

LAWN TENNIS

FLORIDA WOMEN'S CHALLENGE (Marco Island).—3rd Rnd: K. Jordan bt C. Tanvier (France) 6-1, 6-3; L. Bonder bt K. Maleeva (Bulgaria) 6-7, 7-6; P. Casale bt S. Walsh 6-2, 6-4; A. Minter (Australia) bt S. Graf (W. Germany) 6-3, 6-1; S. Goles (Yugoslavia) bt L. Drescher (Switzerland) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; P. Louie bt C. Lindqvist (Sweden) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; C. Bassett bt V. Wade (GB) 6-2, 6-4; R. Gadusek bt G. Sabatini (Argentina) 6-0, 6-4.

U.S. Golf

Brown in touch with steady 71

By ALEX LANCASTER in Pebble Beach

KEN BROWN, who surprised United States professionals by finishing runner-up to Bill Kratzert at Pensacola in October to win £25,000 and his "card," was in the front line again in the opening round of the £480,000 Bing Crosby National Pro-Am.

The thin, diffident Scot turned in a steady and courageous 71 at Spyglass Hill, the longest and toughest of the three courses, to stand joint eighth, three strokes behind the leader, Johnny Miller.

The other four Europeans found the 40 mph wind a problem, as did leading Americans such as Hal Sutton (87) and Masters champion Ben Crenshaw (79).

Problem solved

Bernhard Langer had 73 at Spyglass, while 76s were scored by Nick Faldo, Peter Oosterhuis and Sandy Lyle at Cypress Point.

Yesterday it was all change. The 168 professionals, each with his amateur partner, moved on to new courses on the Monterey peninsula. Brown and Langer were at Pebble, and the other three Britons were at Spyglass.

Miller's 68 was achieved largely through the 1976 Open champion having cured his putting "yips," in his mind at least, by the use of a prodigious 46-in. long putter.

He shoves the top of this under his left armpit and steadies it against his forearm, thus giving the impression, appropriately in this Robert Louis Stevenson country, of a Long John Silver with one crutch instead of two.

It certainly worked, if only to prove yet again that in putting, anything goes. Bernhard Langer and Bruce Lietzke both putt "cackhanded" (left hand below the right), while Mac O'Grady plays right-handed and putts left-handed. As the guru said: "It's all in the mind."

The details

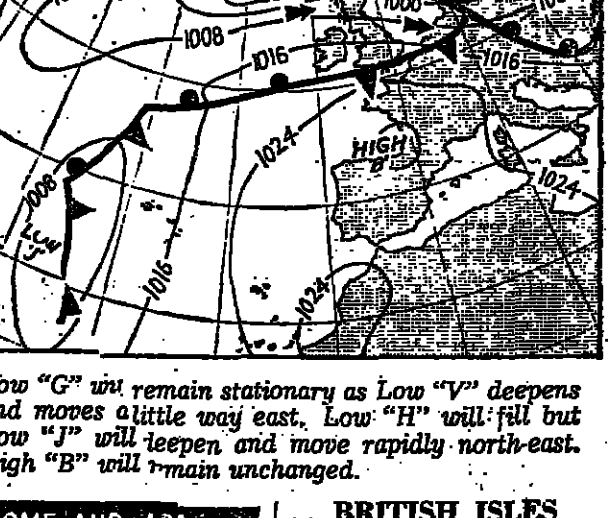
Leading scores:
68—Miller.
69—G. Archer; T. C. Chen (Taiwan); W. Wood.
70—L. Elder; M. Reid; M. O'Meara.
71—K. Brown (GB); M. Mcumber.
72—H. Green; D. Tewell; L. Nelson; P. Stewart; J. Simons; B. Faxon.
British: 76—P. Oosterhuis; S. Lyle; N. Faldo.

GARDENER WATTS PRO-AM (Roysoni): 72—S. Bonham (Unatt); 73 — D. Thomson (Newmarket), R. Morris (Newmarket), M. Jones (Stockwood Park); 74 — F. Kiddie (Tilsworth), S. Turner (Mowsbury Park) E. Birchenough (Gog Magog); 75 — P. O'Connor (Colnhoe Wood). Team.—45 pts S. Allsopp/G. Woods (Mowsbury Park) 1; 43 S. Thomson/P. Bradford (St Neots) 2.

L P G A CLASSIC (Miami, Florida).—67—I. Blalock, C. Morse; 69—P. Sheehan, J. Coles, D. Massey; 70—J. A. Garner, M. Bozarth, S. Turner, A. Miller, P. Bradley; 72—A. Okamoto (Japan); 80— C. Panton (GB).

TASMANIAN OPEN (Launceston, Tasmania).—2nd Rd: 137—I. Roberts 71, 66; T. Gale 65, 72. 138—P. Senior 68, 70; R. Stephens 68, 70; S. Andersen-Chapman (Canada) 70, 68; K. Dukes 69, 69. 139—S. Mackay 69, 70; O. Moore 70, 69; I. Baker-Finch 70, 69; R. Davies 70, 69. 140—R. Chapman (GB) 65, 75.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Feb. 1



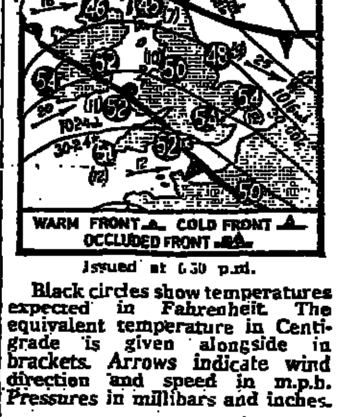
Low "G" will remain stationary as Low "V" deepens and moves a little way east. Low "H" will fill but Low "J" will deepen and move rapidly north-east. High "B" will remain unchanged.

HOME AND ABROAD

Akrotiri	s	61	16	Locarno		46	8
Alexndria	c	61	16	London	c	55	13
Algiers	s	63	17	*L. Angls	s	72	19
Amstrdm	f	50	10	Luxmbrg	dr	45	7
Ascension	s	82	28	Luxor	f	66	19
Athens	s	54	12	Madrid	s	54	12
Bahrain	f	75	24	Majorca	s	57	14
*Barbados	f	81	27	Malaga	s	63	17
Barcelna	f	59	15	Malta	c	57	14
Beirut	c	61	16	Manchstr	c	52	11
Belfast	f	48	9	Melbo'rne	s	64	18
Belgrade	s	46	8	Miami	s	80	27
Berlin	r	41	5	Milan	s	36	2
Birmghm	f	55	13	Montreal	c	19	-7
Blackpool	c	45	7	Moscow	c	12	-11
*Boston	c	28	-2	Munich	c	46	8
Boulogne	c	48	9	Nairobi	f	82	28
Bristol	dr	48	9	Naples	f	55	13
Brussels	r	52	11	Newcastle	f	50	10
Budapest	f	45	7	N. Delhi	s	68	20
*B. Aires	c	79	26	New York	r	34	1
Cairo	c	59	15	Oporto	s	57	14
Cape Tn	s	73	23	Oslo	c	21	-6
Cardiff	dr	50	10	Paris	c	52	11
Casablnca	s	61	16	Peking	s	52	11
Cologne	r	52	11	Perth	s	84	29
Copnhgn	r	39	4	P. Stanley	s	61	16
*Chicago	f	1	-17	Prague	r	39	4
Corfu	f	54	12	Reykjavik	s	12	-11
*Dallas	s	79	-7	Rhodes	s	59	15
*Denver	s	5	-15	*R de Jan	f	82	28
Dublin	f	50	10	Rivadh	f	82	28
Dubrvnik	s	54	12	Rome	f	59	15
Edinbrgh	f	48	9	Salzburg	r	39	4
Faro	s	63	17	*S. Frisco	s	50	10
Florence	f	54	12	*Santiago	c	75	24
Frankfurt	r	50	10	*S. Paulo	c	79	26
Funchal	s	64	18	Seoul	s	41	5
Geneva	s	52	11	Singapore	f	64	18
Gibraltar	s	61	16	Stockhlm	c	27	-3
Glasgow	f	48	9	Sydney	c	70	21
Guernsey	c	50	10	Tangier	s	63	17
Helsinki	sn	16	-9	Tel Aviv	c	55	13
Hongkong	s	66	19	Tenerife	f	68	20
Innsbrck	c	39	4	Toronto	c	21	-6
Inverness	r	43	6	Tokyo	c	21	-6
I. of Man	c	48	9	Tunis	f	59	15
Istanbul	r	43	6	Valencia	s	63	17
Jeddah	f	45	7	*Vancver	s	32	0
Jersey	f	50	10	Venice	c	43	6
Jhnsbrg	dr	48	9	Vienna	r	41	5
Larnaca	f	63	17	Warsaw	r	39	4
L. Palmas	s	70	21	Wshngtn	dr	34	1
*Lima	s	79	26	Wellingtn	f	66	19
Lisbon	s	55	13	Zurich	c	46	8

Key: C—cloudy; dr—drizzle; f—fair; r—rain; s—sunny; sn—snow. Temperatures (F & C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's reading.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temp. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	2.1	—	52	11	Sun pm
Bridlington	1.3	—	52	11	Cloudy
Cromer	—	0.04	54	12	Bright
Lowestoft	0.9	0.02	55	13	Bright
Clacton	4.6	—	55	13	Sunny
Margate	—	—	55	13	Brgt pm
South					
Folkestone	0.4	—	54	12	Cloudy
Hastings	—	—	50	10	Dull
Eastbourne	—	—	48	9	Fog pm
Brighton	—	—	48	9	Cloudy
Worthing	—	—	50	10	Cloudy
Bognor R	1.5	—	52	11	Bright
Southsea	1.8	—	52	11	Cloudy
Sandown	0.1	0.04	50	10	Dull
Shanklin	—	0.01	50	10	Fog pm
Ventnor	—	0.02	48	9	Fog
Bournemth	0.7	—	54	12	Cloudy
Poole	0.2	—	54	12	Cloudy
Swanage	0.6	0.02	50	10	Driz pm
Weymouth	0.2	—	50	10	Cloudy
Exmouth	—	—	55	13	Cloudy
Teignmth	1.2	—	55	13	Cloudy
Torquay	—	0.01	55	13	Driz am
Falmouth	—	0.09	52	11	Drizzle
Penzance	—	0.04	52	11	Drizzle
Jersey	—	0.04	50	10	Drizzle
Guernsey	—	0.04	52	11	Drizzle
West					
Scilly Is.	—	0.04	54	12	Fog
Newquay	—	0.05	54	12	Fog pm
Ilfracombe	1.4	0.03	52	11	Fog
Tenby	0.6	—	52	11	Cloudy
Colwyn B	—	—	55	13	Cloudy
Southport	—	0.13	48	9	Dull
Morecambe	—	0.21	46	8	Dull
Douglas	—	0.10	48	9	Cldy pm
Scotland					
Eskdalemuir	—	0.25	46	8	Rain pm
Prestwick	—	0.11	48	9	Shrs pm
Glasgow	—	0.12	50	10	Showers
Tiree	—	0.40	48	9	Hail
Stornoway	2.3	0.19	48	9	Fog pm
Lerwick	—	0.02	36	2	Snow
Wick	3.6	0.15	46	8	Sunny
Kinloss	0.4	0.09	45	7	Showers
Aberdeen	1.4	0.04	48	9	Shrs pm
St Andrws	0.6	0.15	48	9	Showers
Edinburgh	—	0.30	48	9	Showers
Northern Ireland					
Belfast	2.3	0.12	48	9	Cloudy

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	Conditions o.P.	Weather	Temp(F) 5 pm
Andorra (Soldeu)	20	50	fa	v	f	39
Avoriaz	115	130	g	h	—	—
Crans Montana	20	80	pr	h	th	39
Flaine	60	220	g	h	f	37
Gstaad	25	50	i	cr	cl	34
Isola	20	120	g	v	cl	36
Kitzbuhel	20	120	g	h	r	32
Les Arcs	40	110	fa	v	cl	36
Megeve	50	110	fa	h	cl	39
Saas Fee	35	155	fa	h	f	46
St Anton	20	150	g	h	cl	41
St Moritz	100	160	g	v	f	31
Sauze d'Oulx	50	90	g	v	f	41
Verbier	60	145	g	v	f	37
Villars	20	50	g	h	cl	44
Wengen	40	70	fa	v	f	41

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fa—fair; fo—fohn; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.p.—off piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn. Depths in centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORMS.—Upper and middle runs complete, wide cover of new snow, lower slopes: complete, new snow. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,700ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs complete but narrow, hard-packed snow. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,000ft.

GLENCOE.—Upper runs complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: some runs complete, wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,400ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,300ft.

LECHT.—Upper and middle runs: complete, wide cover of new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas of new snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill roads: Slushy snow. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for today: Cloudy with occasional slight snow and hill fog, but becoming brighter during the morning with scattered wintry showers. Wind west to northwest, fresh or strong. Freezing level 1,500ft.

Outlook for tomorrow: Becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain, snow at higher levels, increasing southwest winds.

CRICKET

SHELL SHIELD (Kingston, Jamaica).—1st innings: Jamaica 155 (B. Williams 21, L. Sebastien 4-49, N. Phillip 3-31); Windward Islands 155-1 (L. John 70 n.o., I. Cadette 53 n.o., E. Wilson 23).

Lighting-up time 5.22 p.m. to 7.5 a.m. Sun rises 7.38 a.m. Sets 4.57 p.m. Moon rises 12.52 p.m. Sets 6.43 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 10.54 a.m. (18.4ft), 11.30 p.m. (18.4ft). Dover 8.29 a.m. (17.4ft), 9.14 p.m. (18ft).

SUNDAY

Lighting-up time 5.24 p.m. to 7.4 a.m. Sun rises 7.36 a.m. Sets 4.54 p.m. Moon rises 1.53 p.m. Sets 7.29 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 12.1 p.m. (19.8ft). Dover 9.22 a.m. (18.4ft), 9.56 p.m. (19.4ft).

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 57F (14C); min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 50F (10C); rainfall: trace; sunshine: 0·6 hour.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): warmest, London Weather Centre, Wyton, 57F (14C); coldest, Lerwick, Fair Isle, 36F (2C); wettest, Aviemore, 0·9 inch; sunniest, Birmingham, Clacton 4·6 hours.

Other weekend Soccer fixtures

SCOTTISH CUP.—2nd Rd replay: Spartans v Inverness T. (1.30).

FA TROPHY.—1st Rd replay: Matlock v Hednesford CW. 2nd Rd: Bath v Cheltenham, Bishop Auckland v Dudley T., Boston U v Frome, Burton A v Altrincham, Barnet v Gretna, Dulwich v Wokingham, Frickley v Gateshead, Maidstone v Worthing, Wealdstone v Wycombe, Marine v Enfield, Runcorn v Scarborough, Harrow v Staines, Telford U v Fisher, Welling Utd v Merthyr.

GOLA LGE.—Kettering v Weymouth, Nuneaton v Northwich Vic, Worcester v Dartford, Yeovil v Kidderminster.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LGE.—Ballymena v Ards, Bangor v Portadown, Carrick Rngs v Linfield, Cliftonville v Newry T., Distillery v Crusaders, Glenavon v Coleraine.

FOOTBALL COMB. — Bristol R v Arsenal (2), Ipswich v Portsmouth (2.15), Oxford U v Millwall, Southampton v Luton, Watford v Reading.

NORTHERN PREM. LGE.—Chorley v Goole, Grantham v Macclesfield, Hyde U v Horwich, Morecambe v Marine, Southport v Rhyl, Witton A v Buxton, Workington v Gainsborough, Worksop v Oswestry.

SOUTHERN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Alvechurch v RS Southampton, Bedworth v Shepshed, Chelmsford v Hastings, Crawley v Willenhall, Folkestone v Corby, Gravesend v King's Lynn, Trowbridge v Fareham, Witney v AP Leamington.

Midland Div.: Aylesbury v Banbury, Bridgnorth v Oldbury, Coventry S v Leicester U, Forest Gn v Redditch, Moor Grn v VS Rugby, Stourbridge v Rushden.

Southern Div.: Addlestone v Hillingdon, Andover v Dover, Ashford v Thanet, Basingstoke v Salisbury, Chatham v Poole, Dunstable v Dorchester, Erith v Canterbury, Gosport v Cambridge C, Woodford v Tonbridge.

WELSH CUP. — 4th Rd replay: Bangor C v Caerleon.

WELSH LGE.—Nat. Div.: Bridgend v Blaenrhondda, Cafran v Cwmbran, Ebbw Vale v Barry, Haverfordwest v Brecon, Milford v Maesteg Pk, Pembroke v Llanelli, Port Talbot v Briton Ferry, Ton Pentre v Pontllanfraith.

UNITED COUNTIES LGE. — Prem. Div.: Baldock v Long Buckby, Desboro v St Neots, Eynesbury v Buckingham, Irthlingboro v Wootton BC, Newport P v Ampthill (2.30), Potton v S & L Corby (2.30), Raunds v Stamford (2.30), Rothwell v Brackley, Stotfold v Bourne.

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LGE.—Aston Villa v Notts Co, Birmingham v Stoke, Coventry v Port Vale, Derby v Nottm F, Leicester v W. Bromwich, Shrewsbury v Wolves, Walsall v Mansfield.

EASTERN COUNTIES LGE.—Brantham v Colchester, Chatteris v Yarmouth, Clacton v Lowestoft, Ely v Bury, Gorleston v March, Haverhill v Harwich, Newmarket v Felixstowe, Stowmarket v Histon, Thetford v Braintree, Tiptree v Soham, Wisbech v Sudbury.

FA VASE. — 4th Rd: Enham v Sudbury.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE (2.30) —Prem. Div.: Bideford v Portion (3), Chard v Saltash, Chippenham v Liskeard, Clevedon v Taunton, Devizes v Shepton Mallet, Melksham v Exmouth, Minehead v Clandown, Weston-s-Mare v Bristol C.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Barking v Walthamstow, Carshalton A v Bishop's Stortford, Epsom v Billericay, Hayes v Hendon, Leytonstone-Ilford v Sutton U, Slough v Tooting.

Div. I: Hampton v Oxford, Kingstonian v Clapton, Leatherhead v Hornchurch, Maidenhead U v Bromley, Met. Police v Hertford, St Albans v Lewes, Tilbury v Farnborough, Walton v Basildon, Wembley v Aveley, Woking v Boreham Wood.

Div. II North: Barton R v Haringey Borough, Chalfont St Peter v Hemel Hempstead, Finchley v Wolverton, Flackwell Heath v Epping, Harefield U v Marlow, Letchworth GC v Stevenage Borough, Royston v Berkhamsted, Tring v Ware.

Div. II South: Banstead v Rainham, Hungerford v Dorking, Petersfield v Chertsey, Southall v Bracknell, Uxbridge v Newbury, Whyteleafe v Camberley.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Amersham T v Beckton, C Casuals v Danson (2), Edgware v Thatcham, Hanwell v Waltham Abbey (2.45), Northwood v Pennant, Redhill v BROB Barnet.

HELLENIC LGE. — Prem. Div.: Abingdon U v Hounslow, Bicester v Clanfield, Fairford v Maidenhead T, Moreton v Thame, Morris Motors v Abingdon T, Sharpness v Rayners Lane, Shortwood U v Wallingford, Wantage v Almondsbury Greenway.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP. — 2nd Rd (2): Aldenhamians v Etonians, Malvernians v Bradfieldians.

ARTHURIAN LGE (2.30). — Prem. Div.: Chigwellians v Brentwoods, Lancing OB v Cholmeleians, Westminsters v Foresters. Div. I: Reptonians v Wellingburians, Salopians v Ardinians, Wykehamists v Citizens.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LGE (11). —Div. 1: Fulham v Arsenal (Bernes); Gillingham v Charlton (Bromptonl), Ipswich v Cambridge U (Portman Rd), Orient v West Ham (Ive Farm, Leyton), Portsmouth v Watford (Burnaby Rd), QPR v Tottenham (Loftus Rd), Southend v Norwich (Gas Light Gd, Thorpe Bay). Div. II: Bristol R v Southend (Hambrook), Swindon v Brighton (Swindon Training Gd), Tottenham v Brentford (Cheshunt), West Ham v Wimbledon (Chadwell Heath).

NABC GILLETTE CUP. — 3rd Rd Replay: Middlesex v Peterborough (H— - S—d, 3).

SCHOOLS.—ESFA Gillette Trophy (11): Preston v Salford, Stockport v Liverpool, Walsall v Stoke, Enfield v Swindon (Barnes S'dm, 11.15). BHS Trophy: Suffolk v Norfolk (Stradbrook SC, 10).

TOMORROW

SCOTTISH LGE. — Prem. Div.: Hearts v Dundee.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Chippenham T v Mangotsfield.

● Spectators are advised because of the weather to check with clubs before travelling.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND CH'SHIP. — Dundalk v Sligo, Finn Harps v Home Farm, Limerick v Cork, Longford v Galway, Shelbourne v Shamrock, UCD v Drogheda, Waterford v Athlone.

Fencing

British face a fight

By BILL MEREDITH

THERE is a high-class foreign entry for this weekend's major competition, the C-L de Beaumont Cup, which starts at nine o'clock this morning and runs through two days.

Entries from Sweden, Spain, Ireland, the United States, France, Canada, Belgium, Finland and Australia are included in a 100-strong field at the de Beaumont Centre, West Kensington—and the British girls will have a fight to keep this important trophy at home.

Good news for Britain is that Olympic fencer Linda Martin has decided to take part—although she has not had much top-class competition recently. Kim Cecil who this week collected a £6,000 sports award, and Katie Arup, who won this competition two years ago, are also on view.

Fiona McIntosh, of Salle Paul, Anne Brannon, of Salle Boston, and Linda Strachan, of London Thames, are another trio who could carry the British flag proudly. Whoever wins will certainly have earned her laurels among such august company.

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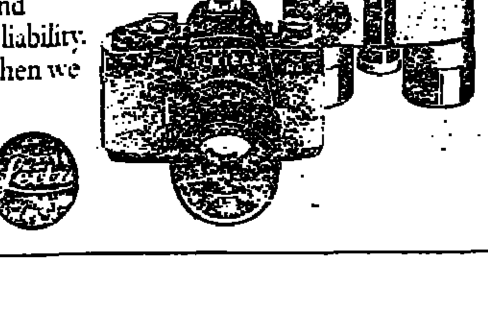

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TELEVISION—SATURDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

7.10 a.m.-8.25 Open University. 8.30 The Perishers, rpt. 8.35 The Littlest Hobo, rpt. 9 Saturday SuperStore. 12.12 Weather.

12 15 GRANDSTAND—Including Football Focus at 12.20; News at 12.50; Snooker, first semi-final from Wembley, at 12.55, 2.5 and 4.20; Ski-ing, the Ladies' World Championship Downhill *from Italy, at 1.30;* Boxing from Warrington at 1.50; Rugby Union, the whole of England v France from Twickenham, followed by part of Scotland v Ireland from Murrayfield, starting at 2.25; Final score at 4.40.

5 05 NEWS, WEATHER; at 5.15 Sport.

5 20 DOCTOR WHO — The Mark of Rani. Starting another new two-part story set in the early 19th century, with Kate O'Mara appearing as The Rani, a renegade Time Lord stirring up Luddite troubles in a small mining community. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

6 05 JIM'LL FIX IT — With Jimmy Savile.

6 40 THE LITTLE AND LARGE SHOW — With guest Hank Wangford.

7 15 ONE BY ONE — End of an Era. Turner and Reilly are alarmed by the ruthless methods of a stock-taker disposing of animals from the closing zoo. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 05 DYNASTY — The Voice, part two. Alexis decides to rekindle an old romance. Tracy makes a miscalculation and Steven continues his pursuit of Claudia's persecutor. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 55 SNOOKER — Second semi-final from Wembley.

9 45 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

10 00 MATCH OF THE DAY — Highlights from two First Division matches.

10 50 SNOOKER — Continued from Wembley.

12 00 "MEAN JOHNNY BARROWS" (1976) —a Black actor Fred Williamson, who also directed, as a Vietnam veteran, discharged and meeting hard times, wanted only by the Mafia. A slow, dullish thriller with an unlikely cast including Stuart Whitman, Elliott Gould and Luther Adler. 1.25 Weather.

BBC-2

9.20 a.m.-1.5 p.m. Open University. 1.45 "Old Acquaintance" (1943, b/w): re-appearing after a very short interval, the battle between two jealous women novelists, played by Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins. "Unusually literate trashy fun" said one reviewer. 3.30 "The Pleasure of his Company" (1961): from the stage comedy about an ageing playboy (Fred Astaire) arriving unexpectedly in San Francisco for his daughter's wedding, upsetting his ex-wife and her new husband. Smart, lightweight, feathery, with Debbie Reynolds, Lilli Palmer and Gary Merrill in a good cast. 5.20 Snooker: first semi-final from Wembley.

6 50 A VOUS LA FRANCE — French for beginners. Repeat.

7 15 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

7 30 SOLTI AND THE CHICAGO SYMPHONY — Sir Georg and the orchestra in a live relay from the Royal Festival Hall, first with Tournaments O[…] by the American composer John Corigli[…] first British performance—then Mozart['s …] Symphony. During the Interval, 8.15-8.35, S[…] about his life and music. At 8.35 Tch[aikovsky's] Fourth Symphony. (A simultaneous ste[reo broad]cast with Radio 3.)

9 30 "FIGURES IN A LANDSCAPE" (19[…] […]mbolic, allegorical pursuit of two men (Ro[bert Shaw and] Malcolm McDowell) by soldiers [and h]elicopters with the landscape unnamed, the[…] for the chase unclear, though the[y] have their wrists tied. Often good to look [at] with a night-marish mood, but rather like [… com]pared it with flavourless sweet. Some critic[s …] Pinter, others with Kafka. an unending

11 15-11.50 WORLD SKI-ING CH[AMPIO]NSHIPS — The Ladies Downhill. From [Santa] Caterina in the Italian Alps.

ITV London Weekend

6.15 a.m. Good Morning Britain; at 8.30 The Wide Awake Club. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Cartoon Time. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 No. 73: Hot and Cold. Starting a new series behind the red front door. 11.20 Space 1999: A Matter of Balance, rpt.

12 15 WORLD OF SPORT — Including Ski-ing, World Alpine Championships, the Women's Downhill from Santa Caterina, Italy, at 12.20; News at 12.15; On the Ball at 12.50; Athletics from Toronto at 1.20; Racing from Sandown for the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.50 races; and from Stratford for the 2 and 2.30 races; Boxing from Darlington, Errol Christie v Nestor Flores, at 3; Half-time soccer round-up at 3.15; Wrestling from Walsall at 4; Results at 4.15.

5 00 NEWS and SPORT.

5 05 BLOCKBUSTERS — Presented by Bob Holness.

5 35 THE A-TEAM: Sheriffs of Rivertown. The comic-strip heroes are now in South America, all appointed sheriffs to restore law and order to a tough industrial town.

6 30 THE FAME GAME—Another collection of performing hopefuls judged from a safe distance by 1,000 linked up viewers.

7 15 ALL STAR SECRETS [— Mic]hael Parkinson and five more familiar faces [… ce]lebrities" come in waves: their usually silly secrets. Strange how these [… are] nothing but A, B and C. For a month you[…] is D, E and F. Who arranges Then the next m[…] (Oracle sub-titles.) it all, their age[…]

7 45 T.J. HOOKER — [Vici]ous vigilantes killing off the city's top vil[lains …] Murder. Rehash of that old plot about o[…] (Oracle sub-titles.)

8 45 THE PRIC[E IS] RIGHT — Presented by Leslie Crowther.

9 45 NEWS an[d SP]ORT.

10 00 ASPEL [AND] COMPANY — Guests include Cliff Richar[d, Z]iggy and Bob Carolgees.

10 50 AUF [WIE]DERSEHEN, PET — Who Won the War […] Repeat. (Oracle sub-titles). Preceded by Any News Headlines.

11 50 Lo[…]UM — Kri's Don't Lie. Hired to protect a M[…]y auction, he is soon in conflict with a team of private eyes from the mainland.

12 45 [B]ARRE—John Byner with the American comedy [ser]ies.

1 [N]EW FROM LONDON — Wrathchild. Pop group.

2 NIGHT THOUGHTS —With Mathoor Krishnamurti.

Channel 4

12.55 p.m. Everybody's Here: children's series, rpt. […] The Making of Britain: The Cost of War. Dr. Chris G[…] Wilson on the costs of warfare and their incr[easing] dependence on taxes *during the Middle Ages.* 1.50 "Brigham Young" (1940, b/w): the Mormons' ep[ic] trek from Illinois to Utah made into a rather d[ull] film, improved by the performance of Dean Jagger in [the] title role, plus romance between Tyrone Power a[nd] Linda Darnell. Very strong supporting cast includ[ing] Brian Donlevy, Mary Astor and Vincent Price. 3.55 "[Spo]oks Run Wild" (1941, b/w): little known under this ti[tle] but easier to trace as one of the poorer films in the [B]owery Boys series. A low budget mixture of chills, sp[ills] and knock-about comedy with Bela Lugosi and the [Boy]s led by Leo Gorcey. 5.5 Brookside, rpt.

6 00 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE [TR]ACKS — Paul Gambaccini meets record prod[uc]er and company founder from New York, Cliv[e] Davis. Plus Kool and the Gang.

7 00 SEVEN DAYS—Moral issues of the week including a discussion with Ro[ge]r Scruton on capital punishment. Preceded by News and Weather.

7 30 SHAPE OF THE WORLD—Horrors of War. Max Hastings with a personal view on the high number of wars and their causes, followed by a discussion chaired by Trevor Hyett.

8 15 AS THE YEARS PASS, AS THE DAYS PASS — Cracow 1898. The third episode in the Polish TV film with English sub-titles.

9 45 DEBUSSY — Feux D'Artifice and En Blanc et Noir. Two short piano pieces played by Ana Maria Vera and the duo Gulner and Suher Pekinel. Recorded by Swiss Television in Zurich.

10 00 HILL STREET BLUES—Last Chance Salon. Belker has to play the part of a beauty operator in a shop. Elsewhere an old and weakened gang makes one last, desperate stand against younger rivals.

10 55-12.50 GOSPEL ACCORDING TO AL GREEN — Film portrait of the black American soul singer, told by himself, with song examples. In 1976 he decided to devote himself entirely to religion and bought a church building in Memphis.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good [Morning]. 9 25 Porky [… H]appy and 9 35 Scoob[y …] series. 10 00 No. [73 …] Hornet. 11 20 Th[e …] and Galaxy 11 45 B[…] Weather. 12 12 [World] of Sport: L. 12 15 [News] and Sport, 5 0[0 …] [follow]ed by TVS News. 5 [05 Bloc]kbusters. 5[35 The] A-team. [6 30 Th]e Fame Game: Tim Brooke-Taylor's live talent show. [7 15] All Star Secrets, revealed to host Michael Parkinson. [7] 45 T.J. Hooker. [8] 45 The Price Is Right. 9 45 News and Sport. 10 00 Aspel and Company, with laughter and conversation. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: rpt of the comedy-drama series. 11 50 Jazz, with vibraphone player Gary Burton in concert. 12 20 Company.

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 00 No. 73: new series. 11 20 Battlestar Galactica. 12 15 World of Sport: L. 5 00 News, Sport, Weather. 5 05 Blockbusters. 5 35 The A-team. 6 30 The Fame Game, hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor: live talent show. 7 15 All Star Secrets: Gary Glitter, Su Pollard and Bernie Clifton reveal a few to host Michael Parkinson. 7 45 T.J. Hooker. 8 45 The Price Is Right. 9 45 News, Sport, Weather. 10 00 Aspel and Company, with chat and laughter. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: rpt of the comedy-drama series. 11 50 Comedy Tonight — Funny Ladies. 12 20 At the End of the Day.

Central

6 15 Good Morning. 9 25 Adventures of the Blue Knight. 9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 00 No. 73: new series. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 World of Sport: L. 5 00 News. 5 05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 The A-team. 6 30 The Fame Game, hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor and Stan Boardman. 7.15 All Star Secrets—host Michael Parkinson hears a few from Bernie Clifton, Gary Glitter, Derek Nimmo, Su Pollard and Suzi Quatro. 7 45 The Price Is Right. 8 45 T. J. Hooker. 9 45 News, Sport, Weather. 10 00 Aspel and Company, including some well-known personalities. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: rpt of the comedy-drama series. 11 50 Jazz Special: Arnett Cobb—"Wild Man of the Tenor Sax" — assisted by Ellis Marsalis (piano), Chris Severin (bass) and John Vidacovich (drums). 12 20 Weather.

9 45 News. 10 00 Aspel and Company. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: rpt of the comedy-drama series. 11 50-12.20 Shelley, rpt.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning. 9 25 Weather, followed by Porky Pig. 9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 00 No. 73: new series. 11 20 Battlestar Galactica. 12 15 World of Sport: L. 5 00 News and Sport. 5 05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 The A-team. 6 30 The Fame Game: the live talent show, hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor. 7 15 All Star Secrets: host Michael Parkinson gets some from Bernie Clifton, Gary Glitter, Derek Nimmo, Su Pollard and Suzi Quatro. 7 45 The Price Is Right. 8 45 T.J. Hooker. 9 45 News and Sport. 10 00 Aspel and Company, with laughter and conversation. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: rpt of the comedy-drama series. 11 50-12.45 The Master.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning. 9 25 Cartoon Time — Porky Pig. 9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10 00 No. 73: new series. 11 20 The Little House on the Prairie. 12 13 HTV News. 12 15 World of Sport, including World Alpine Championship Ski-ing from Italy at 12.20; News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; International Athletics from Toronto at 1.20; Racing from Sandown for the 1.45, 2.15 & 2.50 races, and from Stratford for the 2 & 2.30; Boxing live from Darlington, Errol Christie v Nestor Flores, at 3; Half-time Soccer Roundup at 3.45; Wrestling at 4; Results at 4.45. 5 00 News; HTV News. 5 05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 The A-team. 6 30 The Fame Game: Tim Brooke-Taylor, assisted by Stan Boardman, hosts the live talent show. 7 15 All Star Secrets: host Michael Parkinson gets a few from Bernie Clifton, Gary Glitter, Derek Nimmo, Su Pollard and Suzi Quatro. 7 45 The Price Is Right. 8 45 T.J. Hooker. 9 45 News and Sport. 10 00 Aspel and Company, with laughter and conversation. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: rpt of the comedy-drama series. 11 50 Jazz … 12 20 Weather.

HTV Wales: 11.50 p.m. Club Rugby. 12.35 a.m. Weather.

TSW

6 15 Good Morning. 9 25 Cartoon. 9 35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 9 57 Gus Honeybun. 10 00 No. 73: new series. 11 20 Freeze Frame. 12 12 TSW News. 12 15 World of Sport, including World Alpine Championship Ski-ing from Italy at 12.20; News at 12.45; On the Ball at 12.50; International Athletics from Toronto at 1.20 Racing from Sandown for the 1.45, 2.15 & 2.50 races, and from Stratford for the 2 & 2.30; Boxing live from Darlington, Errol Christie v Nestor Flores, at 3; Half-time Soccer Roundup at 3.45; Wrestling at 4; Results at 4.45. 5 00 News. 5 05 Newsport. 5 10 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 The A-team. 6 30 The Fame Game: the live talent show hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor. 7 15 All Star Secrets, revealed by Michael Parkinson. 7 45 The Price Is Right. 8 45 T.J. Hooker. 9 45 News, Sport, Weather. 10 00 Aspel and Company, with chat and laughter. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: rpt of the comedy-drama series. 11 50 Live from London: Darts. 12 45 Postscript. 12 50 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 25 Cartoon. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 9 57 Puffin. 10 00 No. 73: new series. 11 20 Tarzan. 12 14 Weather. 12 15 World of Sport, as TSW. 5 00 News, Weather. 5 05 Puffin. 5 10 Cartoon Alphabet. 5 35 The A-team. 6 30 The Fame Game. 7 15 All Star Secrets. 7 45 The Price Is Right. 8 45 T.J. Hooker. 9 45 News, Sport, Weather. 10 00 Aspel and Company. 10 50 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11 50 Live from London. 12 45 Weather.

Open University

BBC 1: TV: 7.10 a.m. S354. 8-8.25 P672.

BBC 2 TV: 9.20 a.m. S256. 9.45 S258. 10.35 A101. 11 S324. 11.25 Open Forum. 11.50 D209. 12.40-1.5 P690.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1.55 p.m. A Question of Economics: Have We Forgotten the Thirties? 2.25 Rygbi: Lloegr v Ffrainc. 4 A Week in Politics. 4.55 World of Animation. 5.5 The Decade of Destruction: documentary series on the exploitation and destruction of the Brazilian forests. 6.5 Where in the World? 6.35 The Avengers. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion a Sian. 8.15 Theatre Pwy? Mae'r ffilm hon yn devrnged i'r rhai hynny sy'n treulio eu bywyd beunyddiol yn ymarfer y grefft rvfedd — hono o'n difyrru. 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.35 Julia. 11.30-12.55 "He Walked by Night" (1948 b/w documentary-style thriller): Richard Basehart, Scott Brady, Roy Roberts, Whit Bissell.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping. 6 00 News Briefing. 6 10 Prelude. 6 30 Farming Today. 6 50 Prayer for the Day. 6 55 Weather; Travel. 7 00 News. 7 10 Today's Papers. 7 15 On Your Farm. 7 45 In Perspective. 7 50 Down to Earth. 7 55 Weather; Travel. 8 00 News. 8 10 Today's Papers. 8 15 Sport on 4. 8 48 Yesterday in Parliament. 9 00 News. 9 05 Breakaway. 9 50 News Stand. 10 05 Week in Westminster. 10 30 Pick of the Week, rpt. 11 30 From Our Own Correspondent. 12 00 Money Box. 12 27 Blandings: seven P. G. Wodehouse stories dramatised by Richard Usborne (1). 12 55 Weather. 1 00 News. 1 10 Any Questions? Rpt. 1 55 on l/w Shipping. 2 00 "Marche Militaire": rpt of Brian Miller's play. 3 00 Lexicon of Laughter. 3 30 Maharaj, part 3. 4 15 Do You Come Here Often? The humour and problems of the mating game. 4 45 Sideways Look at . . . 5 00 Wildlife, rpt. 5 25 Week Ending, rpt. 5 50 on l/w Shipping. 5 55 Weather; Travel. 6 00 News; Sport. 6 25 Desert Island Discs, with actress Julie Walters. 7 05 Stop the Week. 7 45 Baker's Dozen. 8 30 "The Killing of Martin Hoffmann": spy thriller by Michael Davies. 10 00 News. 10 15 Service. 10 20 Soundings. 11 00 Science Now, rpt. 11 20 The Wow Show. 12 00-12.15 News; Weather. 12 33 Shipping forecast.

THREE

6 55 Weather. 7 00 News. 7 05 Aubade. 9 00 News. 9 05 Record Review. 10 15 Stereo Release. 11 00 Robert Mayer Concert: Bach, Elgar, Poulenc, Tchaikovsky. 12 15 Thea King (clarinet) and the Budapest String Trio: Mozart, Kokai, Alessandro Rolla. 1 00 News. 1 05 Verdi's Operas—"Don Carlos": original five-act version of 1867 (1.40-1.45 Julian Budden; 2.50-2.55, 3.55-4 and 5.5-5.10 Readings). 5 45 Critics' Forum. 6 35 Bach Cantatas—1724. 7 00 Jazz Record Requests. 7 30 Chicago SO, conducted by Sir Georg Solti, *from the Royal Festival Hall:* John Corigliano, Mozart, Tchaikovsky. Simultaneous broadcast with BBC 2 TV (8.15-8.35 Zinik's "A Life Missnelt": part 2, rpt). 9 30 Aldeburgh Festival 1984: Debussy, Jonathan Lloyd, Debussy, Toru Takemitsu, Jo Kondo (10.5-10.10 Reading). 11 00 Norway after Grieg. 11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Chris Jones. 6 00 George Ferguson. 8 05 David Jacobs. 10 00 Sounds of the 60s. 11 00 Album Time. 1 00 Impressionists, rpt. 1 30 *Sport,* including Sandown Racing; Rugby Union at 2.30; Soccer, with second-half commentary at 3.55. 6 00 Folk on 2. 7 00 Beat the Record. 7 30 Hooked on 2, rpt. 9 30 Big Band Special. 10 05 Steve Jones. 12 05 Night Owls. 1 00 Patrick Lunt. 3 00-4 Wally Whyton, rpt. VHF: 1 p.m.-7.30 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page. 8 00 Peter Powell. 10 00 Adrian John. 1 00 Punk to Present. 2 00 Paul Gambaccini. 4 00 Saturday Live. 6 30 In Concert. 7 30 Phil Kennedy. 9 30-12 Dixie Peach.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 From the Weeklies. 7.45 Network U.K. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Handel in London. 10 News. 10.1 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter from America. 10.30 People and Politics. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 About Britain.

12 noon Radio Newsreel 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four hours. 1.30 Network U.K. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2 News. 2.1 Music Now. 2.30 Saturday Special. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special (5-5.1 News).

8 p.m. World News. 8.15 What's New. 8.30 People and Politics. 10 World News. 10.9 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Baker's Half-dozen. 1 News. 1.1 Play of the Week: Enemy. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 2.30 Sports Review. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 Jazz Score. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Out on the Floor. 5.45 Letter from America.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330. 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90-2 MHz). Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90·3-92·5). Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92·94·5. 97·1). World Service: 648, 463. Radio London: 1458, 206. (94.9). LBC: 1152, 261. (97.3). Capital: 1548, 194. (95.8).

Cyclo-Cross

YOUNG AND DOUCE JOINT FAVOURITES

By PHIL LIGGETT

CHRIS YOUNG and Steve Douce, both 21, were being seen as joint favourites for the National Cyclo-Cross Open Championship at Sutton Park tomorrow, and neither rider was making any prediction.

The British national senior and junior championships, sponsored by THE DAILY TELEGRAPH for the 21st time, are also the final races before eight riders are named for the world championships in Munich later this month.

Douce, from Caterham, and Young, from Shipley, are certain to be automatic selections for Munich. They have won 20 races this winter between them.

Major upset

Young is the defending champion after he won his first title in Sutton Park last year by beating Douce by 50 secs. Two years ago over a similar course Douce won his first title when he caused a major upset by beating Chris Wreghitt, the five-times champion.

Wreghitt retired injured at the end of last summer and said yesterday: "My money is on Young because he can ride to the occasion but a month ago I would have said Douce."

Until Christmas, Douce beat Young every weekend, but *in recent icy conditions* Young has reversed the position. However, the champion was beaten last weekend by David Baker, 19, who last year finished eighth.

Young's father Brian said: "All Chris will say is he'll be in the first three, but I think the extra hurdles this year will favour him. But you can't tell. David (Baker) or Steve Barnes could do flyers."

Causing concern

Controversy has already begun over the decision to make all riders draw for a start position which could place the favourites at the back of the 80-rider field. The danger of being involved in a massed start pile-up at the beginning is causing great concern.

Paul Dixon, 18, from Mirfield, is favourite to retain his title in the junior race and the main challenge is expected to come from Steve Noble, the former schoolboy title-holder, and Stuart Marshall.

Athletics

COCA-COLA & MOBIL OIL DO NOT MIX

By KEN MAYS

THE decision of Coca-Cola to withdraw their sponsorship of the International Athletes' Club meeting at Crystal Palace on Aug. 2 after an association of 17 years was taken because of the intrusion of another sponsor.

With the "Coke" meeting, the longest-running on the British calendar, now given Grand Prix status, it meant that the IAAF banner would be paraded—and that contains the name of Mobil Oil.

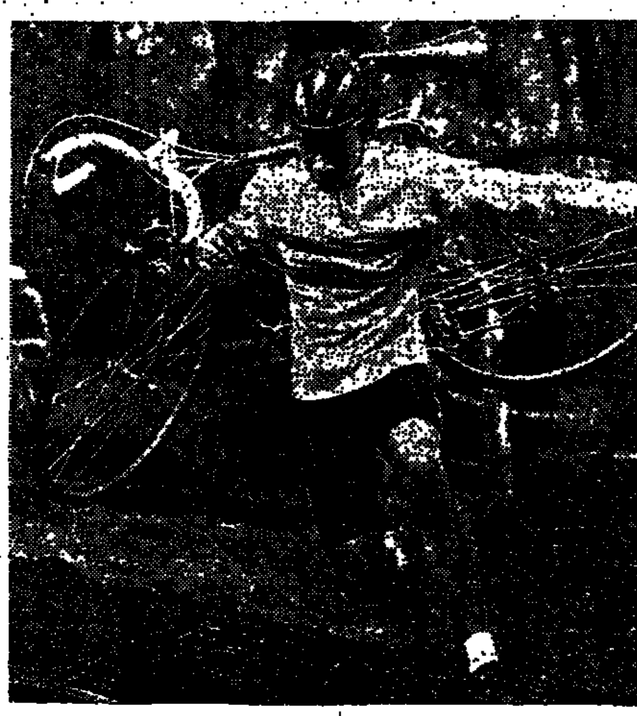
Budd in cross-country

The sponsors would not elaborate on their decision yesterday, only to say "the move was made with great reluctance." But Derek Johnson, secretary of the IAC, said "the fundamental reason was that they refused to accept the banner in the stadium during the meeting."

Mr Johnson explained that it would have meant the meeting opting out of the Grand Prix, which they fully supported and he hoped the meeting would still take place, with many companies providing advertising around the stadium.

Zola Budd will be back in action today just a week after breaking the Allcomers 1,500 metres record at Cosford. She takes part in the Southern Women's cross-country championships at Chantry Park, Ipswich, today.

Miss Budd, who will be competing in this type of racing for the first time in Britain, is obliged to run as a guest for she does not have the necessary residential qualifications to compete for her club, Aldershot and Farnham.



Chris Young . . . determined to retain the National Cyclo-Cross Open Championship tomorrow.

Hockey

Miskimmin called up by Middlesex

By CHRIS MOORE

PETER MISKIMMIN the New Zealand Olympic player, comes into the Middlesex team at inside right to make his County Championship debut in the preliminary round tie against the Army at Aldershot tomorrow.

Playing alongside Kulbir Bhaura, Miskimmin should add considerable firepower to the Middlesex side which has had great difficulty in front of goal this season. They managed to score in only one of their three South round matches.

On paper, Middlesex should progress to the quarter-finals without too much trouble in their attempt to become County champions for the fifth time. The Army, though, have several useful weapons in their armoury, including Ian Jennings who will spearhead their attack.

Jennings, who plays for Southgate in the London League, has the advantage of knowing most of the Middlesex side well and he could pose a serious problem for their defence.

Middlesex will also need to keep a careful watch on Ian Jolly who was a member of the Lancashire team which took the Championship two years ago and who played a leading role in the Combined Services' surprise successes last season.

Cambridgeshire will start as favourites for their game with Dorset, who draw heavily on the Bournemouth and West Hants club, at Parker's Piece.

The one blow for Cambridge, who reached the semi-finals last season, is the loss of sweeper Nigel Gadsby, who is on a tour of Kenya with the Club Cricket Conference team.

Contrary to reports, there will be no H.A. Cup ties played tomorrow after last week's mass postponement when nine of the 16 matches failed to beat the weather.

All the remaining first round ties will be played on Feb. 10, with the second round having been put back a week to Feb. 17.

Hockey fixtures this weekend

ATARI LONDON LGE (2.45). — Prem. Div.: Hounslow v Richmond. Lge: Blackheath v London Univ. Cheam v Guildford. Maidenhead v Reading. Mid-Surrey v St Albans. O Kingstonians v Oxford Univ. Purley v Dulwich. Spencer v Slough. Surbiton v Hampstead. Teddington v Cambridge Univ. Wimbledon v Beckenham.

NORWICH UNION EAST LGE. — Prem. Div.: Broxbourne v Westcliff. Fords v Bluebirds. Harleston Magpies v Cambs Nomads. Long Sutton v Bishop's Stortford. Norfolk Wdrs v Cambridge C. Norwich G'hoppers v Ipswich. O Loughtonians v Bedford. St Neots v Brentwood.

Div. 1 North: Beds Eagles v CU Wands. Bury St Edmunds v Felixstowe. Colchester v Pelicans. Letchworth v Dereham. Norwich Exiles v Saffron Walden. Norwich Un v Huntingdon & Dist. Royston v Ipswich YMCA. Wisbech v Peterborough.

Div. 1 South: Berkhamsted v Harpenden. Chelmsford v Stevenage. Havering v Redbridge & Ilford. Southend v Pakistan Independents. Thurrock v Southendian. Wanstead v Romford. Welwyn GC v Upminster. West Herts v Crostys.

TRUMAN SOUTH LGE. — Prem. Div.: Bognor v Fareham. Camberley v Indian Gymkhana. Canterbury v Anchorians. Eastcote v Tunbridge Wells. Lyons v Bournemouth. Oxford Hawks v ETESSA. Trojans v E Grinstead. Walton v Chichester.

REGIONALS. — Hampshire/Surrey: Andover v Havant. Hamble OB v Nat West Bank. Merton v Fleet. O. Edwardians v Met. Police. Oxted v G. Taunton-[…]ians. Portsmouth & Southsea v Epsom. Southampton Univ. v Barnes. Winchester v Woking.

Kent-Sussex: Eastbourne v Thames Poly. Folkestone Optimists v Herne Bay. Gravesend v Lloyds Bk. Marden Russets v Gore Court. O. Beccehamians v Lewes. O. Bordenians v Worthing. O. Williamsonians v Horsham. South Saxons v Maidstone.

Middlesex-Berks. Bucks & Oxon: Amersham v Gerrards Cross. Bracknell v Staines. C. of Oxford v Harrow. T. Swans. Polytechnic v Aylesbury. Reading Univ. v Hayes. Richings Pk v Banbury. Sunbury v Hendon. Tilehurst v Marlow.

AREAS.—Berks. Bucks & Oxon. Div. 1: Chalfont St Peter v Windsor. Henley v Cowley. High Wycombe v Tring. Morris Motors v AERE Harwell. Pressed Steel v Aldermaston. Wallingford v Newbury. Witney v Wokingham.

Hampshire. Div. 1: Basingstoke v Poole. Eastleigh v Yateley. Esso Adastrians v Weymouth. Pirelli v Petersfield. Portsmouth Poly v O. Portmouthians. US Portsmouth v Salisbury. Wayfarers v Alton.

Kent. Div. 1: Blevedere v Reeds. Cliftonville v Rochester & Gillingham. Medway U. v Ashford. O. Holcombeians v BICC. Sevenoaks v Univ. of Kent. Sikh Youth v Midland Bk. Tonbridge v Burnt Ash.

Middlesex. Div. 1: Goan v NPL. Harrow v Enfield. Imperial Coll. v International Stds. Bse. Mill Hill v Kodak. OMT v Ashford. Southgate Adelaide v British Airways. West London IHE v St Bernards Hosp.

Surrey. Div. 1: Bank of England v Univ. of Surrey. Croydon MO v Barclays Bk. O. Cranleighans v Raynes Pk. O. Walcountians v Banstead A. Reigate v O. Mid-Whitgiftians. Sanderstead v Wallington. Wanderers v Lensbury.

Sussex. Div. 1: Brighton v Littlehampton. Crowborough v Crawley. Middleton v Mid-Sussex. Southwick v Brighton Poly.

SUN LIFE WEST LGE (2.15). — Prem. Div.: Bristol v Cheltenham. Bath Bucce v Plymouth. Exeter Crickets v Taunton. Gloucester v West Glos. Isca v Swindon. Marlborough v Firebrands. Morlands v Bream.

Div. 1 North: Bristol Univ. v O. Bristolians. Hereford v Long Ashton. RAC Cirencester v Leominster. Stroud v Yatton. Westbury Bks v Clevedon. West Wilts v Lansdown. Weston-s-Mare v Bath.

Div. 1 South: Exeter Univ. v Yeovil. Exmouth v Frome. Exeter Hornets v Penzance. Newquay v PGSOB. Teignbridge v East Devon. Truro v Torbay.

South Wales Lge. — Prem. Div.: Cwmbran v Swansea. Newport v Cardiff. Penarth v Whitchurch A. Whitchurch v Llantrisant. Div. 1: Bridgend v Abergavenny. Cardiff A v UC Cardiff. Llanishen A v Oystermouth. Swansea A v BP Llandarcy.

OTHER MATCHES (2.15).—Bromley v Tulse Hill. RAF v Southgate HEAF Uxbridge.

SITACT LGE. — Div. 1: Barford Tigers v Redditch. Bournville v Stone. Cannock v Nottingham. Coventry & NW v Chesterfield. Harborne v Olton & WW. Pickwick v Northampton Saints. S. Notts v Leicester Westleigh. Stourport v Khalsa.

Div. II: Aldridge v Nuneaton. Derby v S. Stafford. Kidderminster v Belper. Leicester v Edgbaston. Streetly v Ashby. Telford & Shifnal v Worcester. Wolverhampton v W. Bridgford. Wombourne v O. Silhillians.

Div. III: Beeston v Grantham. Evesham v Bloxwich. Finchfield v Hampton in Arden. Kings Heath v GEC Coventry. Kynoch v Players. Leicester Univ v Warwick. Rugby v Egerton Pk. Sutton Coldfield v Birmingham Univ.

UAU CH'SHIP.—Qtr-final: Durham v Loughborough (2).

WOMEN.—Cornwall Lge: Camborne v Launceston. ECLP v Falmouth. Essenians v Newquay. Penzance v Truro "A". Truro "B" v Bodmin.

HAMPSHIRE LGE. — North Div.: Alton v Basingstoke. Gregarians v IBM. RAE v Havant. South Div.: Eastleigh v Hamble. New Milton v Southampton. US Portsmouth v Romsey.

MIDDLESEX LGE.—Div. I: Chiswick v Winchmore Hill. Hendon v Ashford. Sunbury v Ealing. Div. II: Hayes v West London IHE. Hounslow v Barclays Bk. NPL v British Airways. Polytechnic v Harrow. Div. III: London Tpt v Wembley. Ramsden v Bk of England. Southgate Lady Birds v Brunel Univ. Stanmore v Lensbury.

NAT. WEST. SURREY LGE.—Camberley v Surrey Univ.. Wanderers v Shirley. Tadkings v Coulsdon.

TOMORROW

COUNTY CH'SHIPS. — Prelim. Rd (1.45): Army v Middlesex (Officers' Club Gd. Aldershot). Cambs v Dorset (Parker's Piece, Cambridge). Lancs v Staffs (Northern Club, Great Crosby, Nr Liverpool).

COUNTY MATCHES.—Derbyshire v Staffs (Shobnall Field). Shropshire v Notts. Worcs v Somerset (Kidderminster).

NORWICH UNION EAST COUNTY LGE.—Norfolk v Lincs (North Runcton HC, King's Lynn).

OTHER COUNTY MATCHES.—Norfolk U-21 v Lincs U-21 (North Runcton HC, King's Lynn). Derby U-21 v Staffs U-21 (Burton). Shropshire U-21 v Notts U-21. Worcs U-21 v Somerset U-21 (Kidderminster).

ATARI LONDON LGE (2.45).—Hampstead v Southgate, Hounslow v Mid-Surrey.

COURAGE KENT CUP.—2nd Rd: Tunbridge Wells v Gore Court. Qtr-Finals: Beckenham v O. Holcombeians. O. Beccehamians v Folkestone Opt. Sevenoaks v Gravesend.

WELSH CUP.—Qtr-finals: Bridgend v UC Swansea. Llandudno v Swansea. Whitchurch v Cardiff. Wrexham v Colwyn Bay.

WOMEN.—Tournament: Mercian Indoor South Counties Finals (Montem SC, Slough).

COUNTY MATCHES.—Gloucs v Herts (Cheltenham). Kent v Surrey (Polo Farm, Canterbury). Norfolk v Lincs (Woodrow Pilling Park, Norwich). Sussex v Essex (Sussex CCC, Hove).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH.—WRNS v Surrey U-21 (Portsmouth).

Squash Rackets

WILLIAMS BOOST

By A Special Correspondent

Geoff Williams, winner of the British closed championship, rises two places, to No. 11, in the rankings issued by the International Squash Players Association yesterday. London-based New Zealander Ross Norman has jumped from nine to three. Top 10 (plus British):

J. Khan (Pak) 1; Q. Zaman (Pak) 2; R. Norman (NZ) 3; C. Dittmar (Australia) 4; D. Williams (Australia) 5; G. Pollard (Australia) 6; S. Davenport (NZ) 7; M. Ahmed (Pak) 8; H. Jahan (GB) 9; R. Thorne (Australia) 10; G. Williams (GB) 11; G. Briars (GB) 12. Other British: P. Kenyon 21; J. Hickox 25; D. Lloyd 27; M. Bodimeade 29; D. Lee 33.

DATE FOR JEEPS

Dickie Jeeps, chairman of the Sports Council, will lay the foundation stone of Reading Cricket and Hockey Club's new ground at Sonning Lane, Berks, at 12 noon tomorrow.

Women's Hockey

WELSH IN TRIAL FOR B SQUAD

By NANCY TOMKINS

THE Welsh squad competing for the Intercontinental Cup in Argentina in April will go through the motions of trials at the Sports Centre, Cardiff, today. The main purpose is the selection of a B squad and coaching by Anne Ellis on Sunday.

The University Athletics Union's representative team play Yorkshire first and second XIs this afternoon and the British Colleges tomorrow morning.

Players have been advised to take "appropriate footwear" for the porous hard pitches at Goodwin Playing Fields, Sheffield.

The UAU first team includes five Loughborough players. Yorkshire's first XI loses Jill Atkins and Gill Brown to England coaching. For the UAU second XI these are the only engagements before the British Universities tournament.

British Colleges representation ranges from Crewe and Alsager to Nonington, Kent. Four players remain from last year's team, including the captain, Walker, of St Paul's, Cheltenham.

Finals today

Territorial finals of the Barclays Bank National Schools Championships are being decided today in the East at Sittingbourne, the Midlands, at Wolverhampton, and West at Taunton. South play Wednesday at Chiswick.

Four 1984 schools finalists survive. Tonbridge Grammar in the East Under-18 competition and Dame Alice Harper (Bedford) in the Midlands Under-16 contest. Pride of place goes to Cheltenham Ladies College whose Under-18 and Under-16 team reappear.

The Cornwall League, little hampered by adverse weather. tween Penzance and Truro A is near rivals. The local derby betoday includes the meeting of a key meeting for top of the table.

Tomorrow, the Southern Counties play their Mercian indoor finals at Montem, Slough. Lesley Hobley's presence for Buckinghamshire is the key to defence of the South title. West Schools, concluding a busy weekend, go indoors at Taunton School.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BADMINTON.—County Motors Cumbria Ch'ships (Carlisle).

BASKETBALL.—Nat. Lge. Div. I (8): Bracknell v Man Utd; Hemel & W v Worthing; Bolton v Sunderland; Doncaster v Portsmouth; Kingston v Birmingham; Solent v Manchester. Women. Div. 1 (6): Enfield v Worthing; Kingston v Manchester; Solent v Sheffield. Cup Final, 1st Leg: Bolton v Northampton (6).

CROSS - COUNTRY. — Southern Women's Ch'ships (Ipswich); Hampshire Lge (HMS Dryad); Ilford 10 Miles (Chigwell); Shaftesbury Open (Copthall); Tonbridge Schls (Southborough); British Students ch'ship (Guildford).

FENCING.—C.-L. de Beaumont Cup (de Beaumont Centre, London, 9).

ICE HOCKEY.—Heineken Lge. Prem Div: Cleveland v Durham (6.30); Fife v Whitley (7); Nottingham v Streatham (6.30); Southampton v Dundee (6). Div 1: Crowtree v Solihull (6).

LACROSSE.—South of England Lge, Senior Flag, Semi-finals (2.15): Calthorpe v London Univ (Q Elizabeth Stad. Enfield); Hillcroft v Beckenham (Openview SC, London, S.W.18). Div I: Chipstead v Purley; Kenton v Hampstead. Friendly: Buckhurst Hill v Heaton Mersey. Women: Territorial Ch'ship (Lady Eleanor Holles Schl, Hampton, 10.15).

NETBALL.—Sportscare Nat. Lge: Cheshire v Hampshire North (Christleton HS, Chester); Herts v Essex Met (Stevenage Schl, 1).

REAL TENNIS.—Leamington & Moreton Morrell tournaments.

ROAD RUNNING.—Chingford Lge (Victoria Park): Blackheath Mob Match (West Wickham); Milton Keynes Relay (Stantonbury LC).

SNOOKER.—Benson & Hedges Masters (Wembley Conf Centre).

TOMORROW

BASKETBALL. — Nat. Lge. Div. I (4): C. Palace v Leicester; Man. Utd v Bolton. Women. Div. I (2): Nottingham v C. Palace; London YMCA v Bath.

CROSS COUNTRY. — Reading Relay (Prospect Park).

CYCLO-CROSS. — Daily Telegraph British Ch'ships (Sutton Park, Birmingham, 1 p.m.).

FENCING. — C. L. De Beaumont Cup (De Beaumont Centre, London, 10).

ICE HOCKEY. — Heineken Lge, Premier Div.: Southampton v Nottingham (6); Streatham v Durham (6.15); Whitley v Murrayfield (6.30). Div. I: Altrincham v Crowtree (5.30); Bournemouth v Blackpool (5); Deeside v Glasgow (5.30); Peterborough v Richmond (6.30).

LACROSSE. — Women's Territorial Ch'ship (Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton, 10-15).

RACE WALKING. — Brighton (Withdean Stad.)

REAL TENNIS. — Leamington & Moreton Morrell tournaments.

ROAD RUNNING. — Watford Half Marathon.

SNOOKER. — Benson & Hedges Masters (Wembley, Conf. Centre).

BOWLS

PRUDENTIAL NAT. CH'SHIPS. — 5th rd: Singles: B. Ridgeley (Bletchley) 21, C. Trussell (Stevenage) 14 — S. Hulmal (Paddington) 21, D. McDonald (Paddington) 15—K. Tiner (Wey) 21, R. Lanodin (Wey) 12.

Triples: D. Miller (Victory) 16, C. Knight (Aran) 14—B. Cole (Essex) 18, G. Pereira (Tilbury) 13 — J. Wine (Thamesdown) 12, A. Livery (Westlecot) 13—J. Sleeman (Victoria Weston) 27, W. Firby (Woodspring) 5 — B. Westcott (Minehead) 13, A. White (Victor Weston) 17—I. Spreadborough (Plymouth Mayflower) 20, D. Elliott (Plymouth Mayflower) 12—D. Dennis (Victory) 25, D. Herbert (Aran) 17—F. Ely (King George) 18, G. Oliver (King George) 13—A. Windsor (Wey) 23, C. Alexander (Elmbridge) 6—T. Honnor (Richmond) 12, J. Sussex (Hounslow) 19—P. Picknell (Hounslow) 11, N. Thompson (Camb. Pk) 20.

ICE HOCKEY

NAT LGE.—Boston 6, Quebec 3—Philadelphia 5, New Jersey 1—St Louis 5, Detroit 2—Calgary Flames 7, New York 2—Los Angeles 5, Hartford 3.

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TELEVISION—SUNDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6.15 a.m.-7.25 Open University. 8.55 The Flumps, rpt. 9.10 De Bono's Thinking Course, rpt. 9.35 Computers in Control, Recognising the Obvious, rpt. 10 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Switch on to English: Could You Repeat That Please? 10.55 A vous la France! French for beginners. 11.20 Sunday Worship: Hope Against Hope, from St James's Church, Piccadilly, London. 12.5 See Hear! 12.30 Farming; Weather. 12.55 Magic Roundabout, rpt. 1 This Week Next Week, with David Dimbleby. 1.50 A World of Dogs: a week before Crufts, Dennis McCarthy and Les Crawley visit Newstead Abbey to see show and working dogs. 2.15 Snooker. The Final of the Wembley tournament. 1.5 Sporting Chance, rpt. London and South East only (East—Commuter Quiz; Midlands—A38: An English Road; North—Goin' Places: Ripley; South—King's Country; South West—Antiques at Home; West—A38: An English Road, Mansfield to Bodmin). 4.35 Snooker: back to Wembley.

5 25 *THE PICKWICK PAPERS — Episode five. Mr Pickwick, after Jingle has evaded him at Mrs Hunter's party, sets off with Sam Weller to track him down at Bury (Ceefax sub-titles.)

5 55 HOLIDAY — Including Anne Gregg in Copenhagen, John Carter on a theme cruise and the Boughs reaching the Mediterranean.

6 30 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 40 SONGS OF PRAISE — Festival 85. First of two programmes of viewers' chosen hymns from Manchester Cathedral, with Geoffrey Wheeler. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

7 15 **BY THE SWORD DIVIDED—Escape. It is 1651 and King Charles, defeated at Worcester, seeks shelter at Arnescote. An excellent episode last week, and more than time we complimented the outstanding performance of the surpassing Sharon Mughan. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

8 10 SNOOKER — The Final. Continued from Wembley.

9 00 *MASTERMIND — From The National Railway Museum, York, with three men and one woman; special subjects South Africa from 1902, Joseph Conrad, The Vikings 795-954 and Leos Janacek.

9 30 THAT'S LIFE — Presented by Esther Rantzen.

10 15 NEWS, WEATHER.

10 30 EVERYMAN—The Mind Box. Clinical psychologist Dr Dorothy Rowe on the reasons for anxiety and depression, why some people are made ill by life's stresses and others are not.

11 10 SNOOKER—The Final, concluding frames and highlights. 12.30 Weather.

BBC-2

8.5 a.m.-10.10 Open University. 10.50 World Ski-ing Championships: The Men's Downhill from Bormio, Italy. 12 "Robinson Crusoe on Mars" (1964): not as daft a film as it sounds, an updating of Defoe, with an astronaut marooned on Mars, following the original plot and, even with a woolly monkey, achieving intelligent science fiction, though one critic still dismissed it as "a pantomime". With Paul Mantee and Vic Lundin. 1.45 Horizon: A Mission to Heal, rpt. 2.35 The Great Art Collection: Germany, with Edwin Mullins. 3.10 Rugby Special: England v France and Scotland v Ireland, highlights from yesterday. 1.15 Bridge Club. 4.40 One Man and his Dog, rpt. 5.25 Ski Sunday: World Championships from Bormio, The Men's Downhill.

6 00 NEWS REVIEW.

6 30 THE MONEY PROGRAMME — Including The Ambulance Chasers: how American lawyers are fighting for survivors of the Bhopal chemical disaster; and The Movie Music Men: the profitable business of film music.

7 15 THE NATURAL WORLD — The Year of the Rat. Everyone hates rats but they have great value in tests and research.

8 05 A WILL TO WIN—Mick Morton. A natural athlete from Blackburn, he was stopped for four years by a freak accident. After five operations he fights his way back to the track.

8 35 PRO-CELEBRITY GOLF. Johnny Miller and Patrick Mower v Nick Faldo and Ronnie Corbett, at Turnberry.

9 25 DID YOU SEE . . .?—Ludovic Kennedy and guests discuss Victoria Wood: As Seen on TV, Dempsey and Makepeace, and Submarine.

10 15-11.55 KNOCKBACK — Second and final part. From the hard brilliance of the first part we now descend to a novelettish style which is often gooey and embarrassing as their love letters are read out. The woman's final decision to "go public" with Ackland's case—that is, to give it to a Fleet Street paper—does him more harm than good. We finally see his crime in flashback, though many important background details are omitted. That it is all based on a true story is only part justification. As characters they are more interesting when kept separate.

ITV London Weekend

6.35 a.m. Good Morning Britain, with Thought for a Sunday and at 7.2 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Under Fives: The Child and the Law, rpt. 10 Morning Worship from St George's Catholic Church, Norwich. 11 Link. 11.30 Never Mind the Handicap, with Pamela Donald. 12 Weekend World, with Brian Walden talking to Sir Geoffrey Howe on the eve of talks with Spain over Gibraltar. 1 Police Five. 1.15 The Big Match: highlights of two First Division games. 2 Encounter: Ralph Capenerhurst, former British Rail employee at Derby for 34 years, now an Anglican curate. 2.30 "Malta Story" (1953, b/w): rather underplayed story of the RAF's defence of the island during the WW2 siege, with Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins, Anthony Steel and Muriel Pavlow. Preceded by London News Headlines. 4.30 Supergran. (Oracle sub-titles.) 5 Bullseye. 5.30 Hart to Hart: Silent Dance.

6 30 NEWS.

6 40 HIGHWAY—Caerphilly. Visited by Harry Secombe.

7 15 GAME FOR A LAUGH.

8 15 THE PRACTICE — Bent Coppers: I Want Them Out. The words of a police superintendent in reply to the black youth's allegation of being beaten up. Plus the usual host of purely medical problems. (Oracle sub-titles.)

8 45 THE BEIDERBECKE AFFAIR — That Was a Very Funny Evening. Rambling comedy-mystery with a few excellent currants sparsely placed in a large helping of school pudding. (Oracle sub-titles.)

9 45 NEWS.

10 00 SPITTING IMAGE — Hit and miss puppet satire.

10 30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW — Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex. The opera-oratorio in the production from the Carre Theatre, Amsterdam, conducted by Bernard Haitink with the Concertgebouw Orchestra.

11 30 WANTED, DEAD OR ALIVE: Six-up to Bannach. With Steve McQueen. B/w. Preceded by London News Headlines.

11 55 THAT'S HOLLYWOOD — The Fox Tots. Child stars in films.

12 20 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Monsignor John Crowley.

Channel 4

1.5 p.m. Irish Angle. 1.30 Face the Press: Stuart Young, BBC Chairman. 2 A Question of Economics: What's Happened to inflation? 2.30 "That Night in Rio" (1941): comedy with music and a double identity plot with Don Ameche playing both parts. Starring Carmen Miranda and Alice Faye. 4.10 Silent Laughter: more silent comedies—"Haunted House" with Buster Keaton and "Soldier Man" with Harry Langdon. 5 The Amateur Naturalist: Jam Jar Jungle, with Gerald Durrell, rpt. 5.30 The Business Programme: Will Norman Tebbit's measures "clean up" the City, or must they be tougher? Preceded by News and Weather.

6 15 AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL. Semi-finals from Melbourne.

7 15 THE FALCONER'S TALE: Jemima Parry-Jones. She runs a birds of prey centre at Newent in Gloucestershire and gives very enjoyable demonstrations of flying, which we have seen around London. She also talks about conservation in schools, taking some of her birds with her.

8 15 JULIA! — Julia Migenes Johnson and four guest singers with viewers' song requests.

9 15 THE PRICE—Repeat of episode four from Thursday.

10 15-12.10 *"THE ROARING TWENTIES" (1939, b/w). All-action gangster film with three WW1 soldiers returning: two, James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart, are soon into crime, but the third, Jeffrey Lynn, stays legal and rises to power in the D.A.'s office. Priscilla Lane as the girl. Directed in rapid-fire style by Raoul Walsh. A classic Warner Bros product.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Action Line.
9 35 Atom Ant.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under-fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Agenda.
1 30 Enterprise South.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 The Big Match.
3 15 "The Prince and the Pauper": Oliver Reed and Raquel Welch in a 1977 film version of Mark Twain's story of Tudor times.
5 25 News.
5 30 Supergran.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway: Caerphilly.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 15 The Practice.
8 45 The Beiderbecke Affair.
9 45 News.
10 00 Spitting Image.
10 30 South Bank Show: L.
11 30 The Streets of San Francisco.
12 30 Company.

Anglia

6 55-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 Perspective.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under-fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Just Our Luck.
1 25 Weather.
1 30 Farming Diary.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 The Big Match.
3 15 "The Disappearance of Flight 412" (1974 TV movie): Glenn Ford. Officials are sceptical of the theory that UFOs caused a plane to vanish.
4 30 Supergran.
5 00 Bullseye.
5 30 The Fall Guy.
6 30 News, Weather.
6 40 Highway: Caerphilly.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 15 The Practice.
8 45 The Beiderbecke Affair.
9 45 News, Weather.
10 00 Spitting Image.
10 30 South Bank Show: L.
11 30 Magnum.
12 25 People Like Us.

Central

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Wattoo, Wattoo.
9 30 The Flying Kiwi.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under-fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Star Fleet.
1 30 Here and Now.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 The Big Match.
3 15 "Terror in the Sky" (made-for-TV disaster movie). Leif Erickson, Doug McClure, Roddy McDowall.
4 30 Supergran.
5 00 Bullseye.
5 30 Return of the Saint.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway: Caerphilly.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 15 The Practice.
8 45 The Beiderbecke Affair.
9 45 News.
10 00 Spitting Image.
10 30 South Bank Show: L.
11 30-12.55 Peterborough Country Music Festival: Hank Williams Original Drifting Cowboys, Kelvin Henderson & Hank Wangford.

Yorkshire

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Link.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Under-fives, rpt.
11 30 Farming Diary.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 The Champions.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 Magnum.
3 30 Big Match Special.
4 30 Supergran.
5 00 Bullseye.
5 30 Chips.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway: Caerphilly.
7.15 Game for a Laugh.
8 15 The Practice.
8 45 The Beiderbecke Affair.
9 45 News.
10 00 Spitting Image.
10 30 South Bank Show: L.
11 30 The Irish R.M.
12 30 Five Minutes.

HTV

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Home Cookery Club.
9 30 The Italian Connection: an orphanage in Naples.
10 00 Service from St. George's R.C. Church, Norwich.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Under-fives, rpt.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Survival: weaverbirds.
1 30 Farming Wales.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 The Big Match.
3 15 Gemma, Girls and Gershwin: George Gershwin songs performed by Gemma Craven and others.
4 00 The Making of Supergran: behind the scenes.
4 30 Supergran.
5 00 Bullseye.
5 30 Magnum.
6 30 News; HTV News.
6 40 Highway: Caerphilly.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 15 The Practice.
8 45 The Beiderbecke Affair.
9 45 News.
10 00 Spitting Image.
10 30 South Bank Show: Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex" conducted by Bernard Haitink, with the Concertgebouw Orchestra, at Amsterdam's Carre Theatre.
11 30 War: The Deadly Game of Nations.
12 30 Weather.

HTV Wales: 9.30 a.m.-10 Encounter. 1 p.m.-1.30 Darts. 2-2.30 Celebration.

TSW

6 55-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 Link.
10 00 Service from St. George's Catholic Church, Norwich.
11 00 Under-fives, rpt.
11 25 Look and See.
11 30 Farming News.
11 55 Postscript Diary.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Gardens for All, rpt.
1 30 The South West Week, rpt.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 Liveline 2, with David Rodgers and Mervyn Longfoot. A follow-up to last year's successful telethon, with young people again expressing views and asking questions. Phone-in on Plymouth 667755.
5 30 Supergran.
6 00 Bullseye.
6 30 News, Weather.
6 40 Highway: Caerphilly.
7 15 Game for a Laugh.
8 15 The Practice.
8 45 The Beiderbecke Affair.
9 45 News, Weather.
10 00 Spitting Image.
10 30 South Bank Show: Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex" conducted by Bernard Haitink, with the Concertgebouw Orchestra, at Amsterdam's Carre Theatre.
11 30 The Big Match.
12 15 Postscript.
12 20 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

12 55 Weather.
12 58 Starting Point.
1 00 Getting On.
1 30 Baby & Co.
2 00 Encounter.
2 30 Summer of '84 — Battle '84: The Royal Visit; The North Show.
4 30 Terrahawks.
5 00 Whose Baby?
5 30-12.15 As TSW (6.26-6.30 Channel News).
12 15 Weather.

Open University

BBC1 TV: 6.45 a.m. T101. 7.10-7.35 T252.

BBC2 TV: 8.5 a.m. U221. 8.55 A352. 9.20 E206. 9.45-10.10 D102.

Radio 4 VHF: 6.45 a.m. Open Forum. 7.5 S101. 7.25-7.55 T101.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

2.10 p.m. The Living Body. 2.35 Gardeners' Calendar: February. 3.5 "Brigham Young" (1940 film drama about the Mormon trek to Utah): Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Dean Jagger, Brian Donlevy. 5 Piglets and Cream. 5.30 The Business Programme. 6.15 Australian Rules Football. 7.15 Hanner Dwsin. 7.20 Newyddion Amaeth. 7.25 Newyddion. 7.30 Galw Gari. 8.10 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.50 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.20 Hill Street Blues. 10.20-12.30 Snwcer.

BBC WALES

1.50 p.m. Weekend Rugby Union: Llanelli v Bridgend, highlights. 2.40 International Snooker. 4.5-4.55 A Question of Sport.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Morning Has Broken.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Sunday Papers.
7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhive.
7 45 Bells.
7 50 Turning over New Leaves.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause.
8 55 Weather; Travel.
9 00 News.
9 10 Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America.
9 30 Service from St. Helen's, Alveston, Bristol.
10 15 The Archers.
11 15 Weekend.
12 00 Smash of the Day: Educating Archie.
12 30 The Food Programme.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 World This Weekend.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Gardeners' Question Time visits London.
2 30 "Quintet in October": rpt of Allan Massie's play.
3 45 Tales from Palm Court.
4 00 Talking about Antiques.
4 30 The Living World.
5 00 News; Travel.
5 05 Down Your Way in Swaffham, Norfolk.
5 50 Shipping; Weather.
6 00 News.
6 15 Feedback, rpt.
6 20 Bookshelf.
7 00 E. Phillips Oppenheim's story "The Great Impersonation" dramatised in five parts by Barry Campbell (1).
7 30 You Can't Shut Out the Human Voice: prose and poetry by or about prisoners of conscience.
8 30 Mad Dogs and Englishmen.
9 00 "Cousin Bazilio": Eca de Queiroz's novel set in 1870s Lisbon dramatised in five parts by Martin Staniforth (1).
10 00 News.
10 15 Unhappy Disturber of Our Peace: the relationship between 18th-century actress Sarah Siddons and painter Sir Thomas Lawrence.
11 00 The Savage Pilgrimage: four talks by Wilfred De'Ath.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 23 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 6.45 a.m.-7.45 Open University. 4 p.m.-6 Study on 4—War and the Modern Writer; 4.30 Measuring Up; 5 A Vous la France! 5.30 Por Aqui.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05-11.15 on m/w Test Cricket.
7 05 English Chamber Orchestra.
8 00 Bach Cantatas.
9 00 News.
9 05 Your Concert Choice.
10 30 Music Weekly.
11 15 From the Proms 1984: Harrison Birtwistle, Berio, Luciano Berio (11.45-11.50 & 12.20-12.25 Readings).
1 05 Handel.
1 55 Cello and Piano: Othmar Schoeck, Frank Martin.
2 30 City of Birmingham SO: Schubert, Takemitsu, Rodrigo, Debussy (3.15-3.35 The Kingship of Charles II).
4 25 Godi, Firenze.
5 15 The Reluctant Virtuoso: violinist Oscar Shumsky.
6 15 John McCabe, Liszt and Philip Wilby piano music.
7 00 The Theban Plays — Sophocles' trilogy translated by Robert Fagles: 1, Oedipus the King.
8 50 Haydn's The Creation.
11 00 Alicia de Larrocha (piano), rpt: Soler, Mompou, Oscar Espla.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Chris Jones.
6 00 George Ferguson.
7 30 Paul McDowell.
9 00 Melodies for You.
11 00 Desmond Carrington.
1 00 Brian Matthew with Two's Best.
2 00 Benny Green.
3 00 Alan Dell.
4 00 Listen to Les.
4 30 Sing Something Simple.
5 00 Charlie Chester.
6 30 Virginia Wade Has . . . a Word with Williams.
7 00 Black Magic.
7 30 Glamorous Nights.
8 30 Sunday Half-hour from the Bearsden Churches Festival of Praise.
9 00 Your 100 Best Tunes.
10 05 Songs from the Shows.
10 45 Andy Vinter.
11 00 Sounds of Jazz.
1 00 Patrick Lunt.
3 00-4 Two's Best, rpt.

VHF: 5 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Paul Gambaccini and Tim Rice.
12 30 Jimmy Savile.
2 30 Bruno Brookes.
4 30 Rock 'n' Roll Trivia.
5 00 Top 40.
7 00 Anne Nightingale.
9 00 Robbie Vincent.
11 00-12 Gary Byrd.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 From the Weeklies. 7.50 Letter from London. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 Sports Review. 9.45 My Country in Mind. 10 News. 10.1 Short Story. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Service. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 12 noon News. 12.1 Play of the Week: The Enemy. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Puckoon. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2 News. 2.30 Wives and Daughters. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Pageant of the Past. 4.45 Letter from America. 5 World News. 5.9 Meridian. 8 p.m. World News. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10 World News. 10.9 The Music of Life. 10.25 Words. 10.30 Financial Review. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Pageant of the Past. 12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Service. 1 News. 1.1 Bedtime Stories. 1.15 The Classical Guitar. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Music Now. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Puckoon. 5.45 Recording of the Week.

WAVELENGTHS

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Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90·5-92·5).

London 720, 417. (92·94·5, 97·1).
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Radio London: 1458, 206. (94.9).
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THEATRES & CINEMAS

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OPERA & BALLET

* MATINEE TODAY

COLISEUM. S 836 3161 CC 240 5258.
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Ton't, Thur. 5.00 (please note early start) TRISTAN AND ISOLDE (hot seats avail). Wed. 7.30 RIGOLETTO. Fri. 7.00 ANNA KARENINA. CC Ticketmaster 01-379 6213.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE Covent Garden. Resv: 01-240 1066/1911. Access, Visa, Diners Club. S. Standby info 01-836 6903. 65 amphi seats avail. for all perfs. from 10 a.m. on the day. Tickets Opera £2·00-£34·00, Ballet £1·00-£20·00.

THE ROYAL BALLET
Ton't 7.30 Cinderella. Mon. Tues 7.30. The Sleeping Beauty. Thur 7.30 Manon. Ballet Casting info 01-240 9815.

THE ROYAL OPERA
Wed. 7.30 La Traviata. Fri. 6.30 Der Rosenkavalier.

THEATRES

ADELPHI THEATRE. 836 7611. CC 836 7358/741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123.
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
ME AND MY GIRL
TO MEET OUTSTANDING DEMAND BOX OFFICE OPEN SUNDAY 10-6
Prevs from 2 Feb. Opens 12 Feb. Nightly at 7.30. Mat. Wed. 2.30 & Sat. 4.45 & 8.15.

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC 379 6565/379 6433. Group Sales 930 6123/836 3962/379 7179.
Last 2 perfs Today 5.00 & 8.15.
"OH BOY WHAT A HOOT." (P. O'Neill) Daily Mail.
SANDY WILSON'S "WONDROUS MUSICAL." Mail on Sunday.
THE BOY FRIEND
"BLISSFULLY FUNNY." Times. "A RIPPING SHOW." D. Tel.
ENDS TONIGHT.

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC 379 6565/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Previews from Feb. 14. Evgs 8.00. Sat. 5.00 & 8.15. Opens Feb. 21 7.00.
PATRICK MOWER ADRIENNE POSTA in
THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH
The Famous Comedy by GEORGE AXELROD. Directed by JAMES ROOSE-EVANS. Advance Box Office Now Open.

ALDWYCH THEATRE. 836 6404/0641. C.C. 379 6233. Group sales 930 6123. Mon.-Thurs. 8. Fri. & Sat. 5 & 8.30.
ROWAN ATKINSON IS
THE NERD
by LARRY SHUE.
directed by MIKE OCKRENT.
"An ambulatory Amityville Horror . . . a wonderful display of grotesque comedy." Gdn. "RIB-SHATTERINGLY FUNNY." Time Out. "BLISSFULLY LUDICROUS." F.T.
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE DAY FOR ALL MON.-THURS. PERFS.

AMBASSADORS. 836 6111. C.C. 741 9999. Grp. sales 930 6123. Evgs. 8.0. Sat. 5.30 and 8.30. Tues. mat. 3.0.
THE LITTLE THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY
ALAN AYCKBOURN'S . . .
INTIMATE EXCHANGES
This week: AFFAIRS IN A TENT. directed by ALAN AYCKBOURN. "The most exciting theatrical concept to have hit the West End since The Norman Conquest." S. Exp.

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KEITH BAXTER MILO O'SHEA in
CORPSE!
by Gerald Moon
"A WILD COMEDY THRILLER." D. Mail.
"NOT SO MUCH A WHODUNNIT AS A WHODUNNIT TO WHOM"
½ price on top price seats for children all mat. perfs.

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STARLIGHT EXPRESS
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN
"A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION." D. Exp.
Evgs. 7.45. mats. Tues. and Sat. 3.0. BOX OFFICE OPEN 10 a.m.-8 p.m. 100 tickets are held for Tuesday matinées only, available at the Box Office from 10 a.m. on day of performance, limited to two per person. Some 42 standing-room tickets are available half-hour before every performance for the one aged and students.

ASHCROFT, CROYDON. 01-688 9291. cc 01-680 5955. Feb. 4-9
ONE FOR THE ROAD
Willy Russell's comedy starring HELEN SHAPIRO

ASTORIA THEATRE (next to Tottenham Court Road station) Box Office 734 4287/8/9. C.C. 379 6433. Grp sales 930 6123.
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER presents MELVYN BRAGG & HOWARD GOODALL'S
THE HIRED MAN
"Unbeatable and unmissable." Punch. "Howard Goodall's score is one of the finest I have heard in a British musical in years." Guardian. "A HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR AND A MAGNIFICENT BRITISH ACHIEVEMENT." Time Out. "THE BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR." Punch. Evgs 8.0, Mats. Wed. 3.0, Sat. 4.0.

BARBICAN. 01-628 8795/638 8891. CC (Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.) For inclusive hotel/ticket package 01-350 7111.
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
BARBICAN THEATRE. THE COMEDY OF ERRORS. "An uproarious evening." S. Tel. Today 2.00 & 7.30 4-7 Feb. Cheap seats £5 from 10 a.m. (runs 2hrs 20). TWELFTH NIGHT
THE PIT. WASTE by Harley Granville-Barker. Today 2.00 & 7.30 (runs 2½ hrs). THE DEVILS by John Whiting. "Emphatically not to be missed." City Limits 5-7 Feb.

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THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING SMASH HIT
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
SECOND GREAT YEAR!
"I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR 1,000 YEARS." Time Out.
SEATS AT SOME PERFS FROM £6. Group Sales Box Office 930 6123.

COTTESLOE. 928 2252. CC 928 5933. "S" (National Theatre's small auditorium—low price tkts). Today 2.30 & 7.30, Mon. 7.30, then Feb. 5 & 6 & March 2 to 16 the Pulitzer prize-winning play GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS by David Mamet.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/741 9999/379 6433. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8.00, Mats Thurs 2.30. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30.
BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST
The Theatre of Comedy Company
ROBIN ASKWITH JACK SMETHURST
PETER SALLIS
PRUNELLA GEE SERETTA WILSON
TIMOTHY CARLTON
PAUL TOOTHILL DAVID MASTERMAN in
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written and directed by RAY COONEY
Over 700 side-splitting perfs.
"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE." S. Exp. Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie/Stall or Circle Tkt £14·80

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KEITH HARRIS & ORVILLE in
HUMPTY DUMPTY
A New Musical Pantomime
2 for 1 Mon.-Thurs. Perfs £2 OFF Children + OAPs Fri. & Sat. perfs. Tickets from £5·00 and £7·50.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE, Earlham St. Cov. Gdn. 379 6433/379 6565.
HULL TRUCK at 7.30.
1984 COMEDY OF THE YEAR
UP 'N' UNDER
At 10 p.m. BOUNCERS (ends 11.10) Written and directed by John Godber
Tickets £3·90/£4·90

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL. 01-836 8108, 01-240 9066, 01-240 9057.
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"A BLISSFUL EVENING, EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR A MUSICAL TO HAVE AND STILL PLENTY MORE — DAZZLING!" D. Mail.
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"Exhilarating." D. Tel.
BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Award
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Booking until July
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DUKE OF YORK'S. S 836 5122/9837. Evgs 8. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30.
"TRIUMPH ON TAP." E. Std.
STEPPING OUT
A new comedy by RICHARD HARRIS.
"HAD THE FIRST NIGHT AUDIENCE YELLING FOR MORE." Daily Mail.
"MUST SURELY TAKE THE TOWN . . . GO." Daily Telegraph.

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14TH HYSTERICAL YEAR. LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY IN THE WORLD
NO SEX, PLEASE—WE'RE BRITISH
2 HOURS OF NON-STOP LAUGHTER
Directed by Allan Davis.
OVER 580 FANTASTIC PERFS.

GLOBE. C.C. 437 1592.
Andrew Lloyd Webber presents the COMEDY OF THE YEAR
Society of West End Theatre Award.
DAISY PULLS IT OFF
by Denise Deegan.
"ABSOLUTELY SPIFFING." D. Tel. "FULL MARKS FOR DAISY." Std. "A gold star to Daisy for a delightful show." Daily Mail. Evgs. 8.0. mats. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 4.0. Group sales 930 6123.
"THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE HOOT AND A SCREAM." Sunday Times.
SECOND GREAT YEAR.

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755. Evgs. 7.45, mat. Sat. 2.30. CIDER WITH ROSIE by LAURIE LEE, adapted for the stage by JAMES ROOSE-EVANS. "A most appealing show." Time Out. From Feb. 6, MY BROTHER'S KEEPER, a new play NIGEL WILLIAMS.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL. *930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123.
MAGGIE SMITH JOAN PLOWRIGHT
and MICHAEL JAYSTON
THE CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF
THE WAY OF THE WORLD
Directed by William Gaskill
"Maggie Smith returns to our stage in glory." F. Times. "The most outstanding achievement was that of Joan Plowright." Standard. "William Gaskill's superb production." Punch. Evgs. 7.30. Mats. 2.30. Sat. 3.0.
FOR A LIMITED SEASON

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WEST SIDE STORY
"FINGER-CLICKING GOOD." Std.
"THE BEST MUSICAL EVER WRITTEN." City Limits.
Mon.-Fri. evgs. 7.30. Sat. 4.45 & 8.0. Mat. Wed. 2.30. ALL PERFS TO END . . . . . . MAY NOW ON SALE. . . . . .

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MATINEE TODAY 2.45.
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LONDON'S GREAT STAR-STUDDED SPECTACULAR MUSICAL
TOMMY STEELE IN
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THE WIZ
"IT'S A RIGHT-ON 'GET ON DOWN' HOT GOSPELLING MUSICAL BONANZA." F.T. "Looks and sounds stunning." Tms. From Feb. 7, LITTLE EYOLF with Cheryl Campbell, Anna Dyson, Paul Moriarty, Ronald Pickup, Diana Rigg.

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JULIE WALTERS IAN CHARLESON
FOOL FOR LOVE
by Sam Shepard
Directed by Peter Gill
"Blazingly impressive performance in a throat-clutcher of a play." Mail on S.

LYTTELTON 928 2252 CC 928 5933 "S" (National Theatre's proscenium stage). Today 3.00 (low price mat.) & 7.45, Mon. 7.45, then March 6 to 9 SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER by Goldsmith. Feb. 11 to 16, last perfs. ROUGH CROSSING.

MAYFAIR. S. C.C. 629 3036. Mon.-Thurs. 8. Fri./Sat. 5.40 and 8.10.
RICHARD TODD in
THE BUSINESS OF MURDER

MERMAID THEATRE. 01-236 5568. Group sales 01-930 6123. CC 01-741 9999. Seats from any Keith Prowse. No booking fee. Evgs. 7.30. Tues. & Thurs. mat. 3.0.
LOU HIRSCH CLIVE MANTLE and SUSAN PENHALIGON in
OF MICE AND MEN
STEINBECK'S timeless masterpiece.

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ROY DOTRICE
"A performance full of sensitivity." BBC.
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"Gives a performance of rare pathos." S. Tel.
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"Is a joy." S. Tel.
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"Hilarious . . . frenetic." Std.
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GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Adapted and directed by Peter Coe.
MUST END TONIGHT

OLD VIC. 928 7616. C.C. 261 1821. *Low price prev. Feb. 5 at 7.30. Opens Feb. 6 at 7.0. Sub eves 7.30, Sats. 4.0 & 7.45.
ANTHONY HOPKINS
SAMANTHA EGGAR ALAN DOBIE
COLIN FIRTH in
THE LONELY ROAD
by Arthur Schnitzler
Directed by Christopher Fettes.
SIX WEEKS ONLY. BOOK NOW!

OLIVIER 928 2252 CC 928 5933 "S" (National Theatre's open stage). Today 2.00 (low price mat.) & 7.15, then Feb. 8 to 11 THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR by Gogol, version by Adrian Mitchell. Mon. 7.15, then Feb. 5 to 7 & March 4 to 6 A LITTLE HOTEL ON THE SIDE.

PALACE THEATRE. 437 6834. CC 437 8327/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123.
THE MOST AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
GALINA PANOVA
HONOR BLACKMAN JOHN BENNETT
TIM FLAVIN in
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ON YOUR TOES
with SIOBHAN McCARTHY and NICHOLAS JOHNSON
On Wednesday evening and Saturday Matinee the leading role will be played by DOREEN WELLS
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Eves 7.45. Mat. Thurs. & Sat. 2.30. Pre-theatre buffet from 6.45.

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GRIFF RHYS JONES GWEN TAYLOR in
TRUMPETS & RASPBERRIES
A New Comedy by DARIO FO.
"INSPIRED CLOWNING." S. Tel. "INSPIRED FUN." Standard. "INSPIRED INVENTION." D. Mail. "INSPIRED NONSENSE." Fin. Times. "BLISSFULLY FUNNY." Times.
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"IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO HAVE A GOOD TIME." BBC.
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SHEILA WHITE
LITTLE ME
"POSITIVELY SPARKLES." Sun. Exp. "SPLENDID." D. Mirror. Evgs. 7.30. Mats Thurs. & Sat. 3.0. Russ Abbot Absent, ill returns next Friday.

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THE NATIONAL THEATRE'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
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Opens June 19. Bkg through Jan. '86.

QUEEN'S THEATRE. 734 1166. 734 1167. 734 0261. 734 0120. 439 3489. 439 4031. Grp Sales 930 6123.
CHARLTON HESTON and BEN CROSS in
HERMAN WOUK'S
THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL
Royal Charity preview Tues. Feb. 26 at 7.30. Reduced price prevs. Wed. Feb. 27 at 5.0 & 7.30. Opens Thurs. Feb. 28 at 7.0. Subs eves Mon.-Fri. 7.30. Sat. 8.15. Mats Wed 3.0. Sat. 5.0.

ROYAL COURT. S CC 730 1745. EDWARD BOND SEASON. Must end March 9th. SAVED. Today. Feb. 8-11. THE POPE'S WEDDING Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur. "Neither production should be missed." F.T. 8 p.m., Sat. mat. 3 p.m.

SADLER'S WELLS. 278 8916. Until Feb. 9. Eves 7 (Sat. 7.30), mat. 2.00 (Sat. 2.30).
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A New Musical starring TERRY SCOTT: "Toad" PATRICK CARGILL: "Ratty" DONALD HEWLETT: "Badger" & MELVYN HAYES: "Mole"
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MICHAEL MEDWIN
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"After two years Michael Frayn's comedy is still wildly funny." Times.
OVER 1,000 PERFORMANCES.

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"A Grand Master." Std.
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"Truly Hilarious." Std.
BARBARA MURRAY
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TWO INTO ONE
Written & Directed by RAY COONEY
"The most hilarious production yet mounted by Mr Cooney's Theatre of Comedy." F.T.
"CLASSIC . . . FIRST-RATE FARCE." Gdn.

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AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
THE MOUSETRAP
33RD YEAR
SORRY, no reduced prices from any source but seats bookable from £3·50.

STRAND. 01-836 2660/4143/5190. Ev. 7.30, mat. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 5. 8.30
MICHAEL PENNINGTON LUCY GUTTERIDGE
The 3RD YEAR OF TOM STOPPARD'S
THE REAL THING
"I BELIEVE THAT THE REAL THING WILL COME TO BE SEEN AS ONE OF THE BEST ENGLISH PLAYS OF THIS CENTURY." J. Peter. Sun. Times. Dir. by PETER WOOD.
LAST THREE WEEKS

VICTORIA PALACE. 01-834 1317. *Evgs 7.30. matinee Wed. & Sat. 2.45. Prevs. March 2-13. OPENS MARCH 14
MICHAEL CRAWFORD IN
BARNUM.
BOX OFFICE OPENS 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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MICHAEL FRAYN'S NEW PLAY
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Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

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JOE BROWN JESS CONRAD in
CINDERELLA

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CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. THE TAVIANOS KAOS (15). Sep. perfs. weekdays 2.30, 7.25; Sun. 5.40, 7.25.

ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Satyajit Ray's THE HOME AND THE WORLD (U). Daily at 5.10, 5.45, 8.25.

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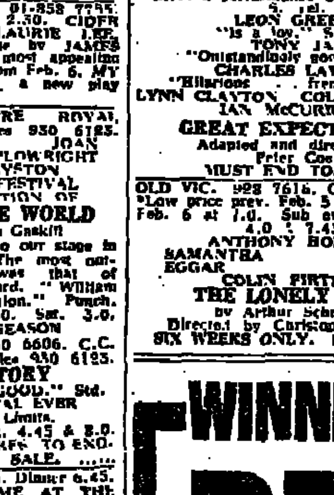

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BIRTHS

DALFOUR.—On Jan. 30, at Yeovil District Hospital, to MARGARET (nee Lansdell) and MICHAEL, a son (Alastair Creighton), a brother for Thomas.

BELLVILLE.—On Jan. 31, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to LUCINDA (nee Walford) and PATRICK, a boy (Blaise).

CRESNEY.—On Jan. 28, to MAUREEN and MILTON, a daughter.

BLEGG.—On Jan. 30, at York District Hospital, to DIANE (nee Meadhurst) and DAVID, a daughter (Katherine Elizabeth), a sister for Nicola.

CROOKE.—On Jan. 28, at The North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple, to NICOLA (nee Jones) and GEOFFREY CROOKE, a son (Matthew).

FOWLE.—On Jan. 29, to FRANCES (nee Cocks) and MICHAEL, a daughter (Alexandra Jane).

GREEN.—On Jan. 25, to ANN (nee Thompson) and MARTIN PETER, a daughter (Olivia Ann).

LANG.—On Jan. 24, to SHARON and CHRISTOPHER, a daughter (Alice Ann Francis).

LASH.—On Jan. 26, to PATRICIA (nee Inglebby) and WILLIAM, a son (Jeremy Ronald de-Warenne).

LOW.—On Jan. 27, to JANE (nee Grandison) and COLIN, a son (William David), a brother for Kerry.

MALLINSON.—On Jan. 29, 1985, to MARGARET (nee Rudd) and JONATHAN, the precious gift of a dear son (David Jonathan). With deepest gratitude to the staff of the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge and Ward 1A, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

MANSELL.—On Jan. 29, to JULIA (nee Landrum) of Exeter, twin boys (Benjamin and Damien), posthumous sons of Oscar—Tragically drowned last October, brothers to Cecilia. Grateful thanks to all who have helped Julia during these past few months.

PRICKETT.—On Jan. 31, to SARAH (nee Horan) and PETER, a son (Andrew).

SHEDDON.—On Jan. 31, at Pembury Hospital, to JENE (nee Farthing) and PAUL, a daughter (Nicola Sarah).

SMITH.—On Jan. 31, to PATRICIA (née Gascoigne) and MICHAEL, a daughter (Annabel Laura).

TEVERSON.—On Feb. 1, to RUTH (nee Ballen) and ERIC, a son (Andrew).

MARRIAGES

FINDLAY—WHITE.—On Feb. 1, 1985, in London, I. ALASTAIR FINDLAY to ELIZABETH W. WHITE.

PENFOLD—FLETCHER.—On Saturday, Jan. 26, at Hereford Cathedral, Peter, Brecon, Powys, Kevin A. PENFOLD to Amelia A. FLETCHER.

RUBY WEDDINGS

POTTER—COWEN-LAW.—On Feb. 3, 1945, at St George's, Fnd'd, THOMAS MARK to ELSIE MAY. Now at 5, St Johns Road, West Wickham.

ROTHWELL—SAYNOR.—On Feb. 3, 1945, at St Mildred's, Ifield, Kent, STANLEY to MONICA ANN. Now at 20, Brechfa Avenue, Gravesend, Kent.

TILLERLY—BROOKS.—On Feb. 3, 1945, at Beddington, Surrey, DENNIS to DORIS. Now at Ewhurst, Surrey.

WALKER—MACLEOD.—On Feb. 3, 1945, at St Columba, Pont Street, London, COLIN (Lt., Royal Engineers, R.T.I.) to MARGARET MACLEOD (A.T.S.). Now in Edinburgh.

WILLIAMS—BARLOW.—On Feb. 3, 1945, at St Ann's Church, Manchester, CLAUDE to FREDA.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

KIRBY—TANTON.—On Feb. 2, 1935, in Pinhoe, GEOFFREY to ALICE. Now at 4, Burrough Lawn, Northam, N. Devon.

PHILLIPS—JONES.—On Feb. 2, 1935, at St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, DAN to MONA. Now at Croft Cottage, Joys Croft, Chichester.

RADFORD—LEWIS.—On Feb. 2, 1935, at Wedgewood Methodist Church, Crewe, DONALD KENNETH RADFORD to ALICE CLEUS. Present address: 1, Maidenton Road, Barham, Ipswich, Suffolk.

DIAMOND WEDDING

BAKER—LEE.—On Feb. 2, 1925, at Cheltenham, KINGSLEY to ANNIE. Now at 6, Cotmanby Rd., S. Croydon.

DEATHS

BARNBY.—On Jan. 28, in hospital, after a brave fight, DAVID, loving husband, dearly loved husband of Hilary and loving father to Michael. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End, Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 2.20 p.m. Donations if desired to Leukaemia Research.

BATES.—On Jan. 29, suddenly at his home, 1, Meadow Close, Bury Hill, Lydney, Glos., formerly of Chalfont, Bucks., PHILIP CECIL, aged 77 years, dearest father of Gill and Tony. Funeral Service Wednesday, Feb. 6, 12.45 p.m., at All Saints Church, Blaisdon, Hill, Lydney, prior to cremation at Gloucester Crematorium, 2 p.m. No flowers by request. Donations, for the British Heart Foundation, may be sent to G. Harris & Son, F.D., 36, Newland Street, Lydney, Glos. Tel. Dean 42897.

BELL.—On Jan. 24, Dr. THOMAS J. BELL of Sunning Hill, Physician at Ashford Hospital, so deeply loved by his wife, Daphne (nee Lorgi) and beloved father of Christopher, Alison, Charlotte, Alexandra and Thomas. Service on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in Holy Trinity Church, Sunninghill, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. With Christ, which is far better.

BENTLEY.—On Jan. 29, 1985, RICHARD, aged 62, loving husband of Avril and brother of Kate.

BIRD.—On Jan. 31, peacefully, LILIAN FRANCES, aged 85, beloved wife of Eric.

BIRKENHEAD.—On Jan. 31, peacefully, in Ealing Hospital, IVY, aged 90, beloved mother of Rowland and Pat, grandmother of Lawrence and Penny. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, at 1.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7.

BISKER.—On Jan. 31, 1985, ARTHUR WILFORD, aged 91 years, previously of Manor Park, Dorchester, Dorset, husband of the late Ruth (?), father of Noel and John. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 2.30 p.m. All flowers and inquiries please to Pnam's Funeral Services, Guildford, Mary Road, Guildford, tel. Guildford 67384.

BOORMAN.—On Jan. 31, suddenly at home, ROY ERNEST, beloved husband of Yvonne, dearly loved father of Stephen, Andrew, Paul and Christopher and devoted grandfather to his grandchildren. Family funeral. Memorial service at Dulwich Grove United Reformed Church on Monday, 2 p.m.

BRAYSTED.—On Jan. 31, peacefully at Edenhall, Hampstead, and another much loved wife of Clifford and mother of Judith. Funeral at Fresh'd Crematorium on Friday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

BROWN.—On Jan. 31, at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, peacefully following a stroke, having lost his beloved wife earlier this January, ROY LOUIS, husband of Sheila (née Gordon Garrett), father of Edinburgh, brother of Colin, Edinburgh, and Robert, M.B.E., the late Rev. Ian Lowe Brown, M.B.E., and brother of Nora. Now at peace and free from pain. Service at Birdham Church, on Feb. 5, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Chichester. Family only. Flowers only. Please, Immediate family flowers only. Please. Donations if desired to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Charing Cross Road, London.

CHANDLER.—On Jan. 30, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ERNEST MARGARET, aged 91, of Eaton Grove, Northwood, Middlesex, very dear friend of the Milliken-Smith family and sister of Harry, Alec and Arthur. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 12.45 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Mountfitchet House Minibus Fund, 1, Green Road, Northwood, Middx.

CLARKE.—On Jan. 28, 1985, suddenly at home, E. R. (Ted). Will be greatly missed by Evelyn, Anthony, Peter and family and his many friends. Funeral service on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Harefield Hospital or Holy Trinity School.

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PRIZE COMPETITION—No. 18,365

Three prizes of book tokens to a value of £25 will be awarded to the senders of the first three correct solutions opened. Twelve £7·50 book tokens will be awarded as consolation prizes. Solutions must reach THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, 135, Fleet Street, London, EC4P 4BL, not later than first post on Friday. Envelopes must be sealed, and be marked Prize Competition 18,365 in the top left-hand corner. Winners' names appear on Monday, February 11.

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1 The most brilliant member of the astronomy class? (4, 5)
8 A handy possession, though we can't see what it provides as entertainment (8, 5)
11 The return of South African fauna celebrated in verse? (4)
12 Teams that can't be taken objectively (5)
13 A symbol of positive significance (4)
16 Badly shaken American general in retreat and encircled? (7)
17 Type of vessel that makes me burst into anguished tears (7)
18 A staggering entry at Cruft's? (7)
20 Legendary mother ship not making a return journey (7)
21 Ready to tackle any kind of sport? (4)
22 A bird on the Nile (5)
23 Wrong cue about right shade of linen (4)
26 Section of a race that is dreadfully hot and exhausting? (9, 4)
27 The property 6 has on the Severn estuary (9)

DOWN

2 Spectacular sort of skirt that won't be worn long (4)
3 Brigitte Bardot having regrets about massage, maybe (7)
4 Futile advice on how to make things last longer (7)
5 In embracing Virginia he became terribly autocratic (4)
6 Not a blunt observation of particular aptness? (7, 6)
7 The case for duty-free articles? (10, 3)
9 To practise which one must look to heaven for guidance (9)
10 He needs a tremendous boost if he's to rocket to fame (9)
14 Something one is entitled to correct? (5)
15 Vanished kingdom politicians tend to blame for their image today! (5)
19 Saint taken in by king becomes a thief (7)
20 English artist currently on view in Athlone (7)
24 The smaller it is the finer the riddle (4)
25 Resistance units not requiring postage stamps? (4)

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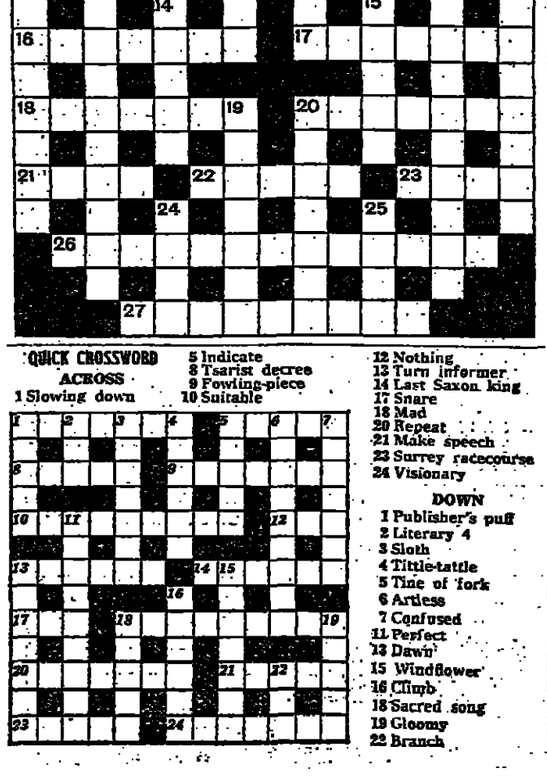

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9 Fowling-piece
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20 Repeat
21 Make speech
23 Surrey racecourse
24 Visionary

DOWN
1 Publisher's puff
2 Literary 4
3 Sloth
4 Tittle-tattle
5 Tine of fork
6 Artless
7 Confused
11 Perfect
13 Dawn
15 Windflower
16 Climb
18 Sacred song
19 Gloomy
22 Branch

LAWSON TO PRESS FOR PAY RESTRAINT

By ROLAND GRIBBEN
Business Correspondent

TRADE union leaders are to be pressed by Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to give their support to restraining pay demands to create more jobs.

The challenge will come at a meeting of the National Economic Development Council on Wednesday where the Chancellor has tabled for discussion the Treasury's recently published analysis on the pay and jobs link.

There will be support from the Confederation of British Industry, but TUC leaders are expected to give short shrift and renew their calls for a public works spending programme to reduce dole queues.

The Treasury study says that if pay rises, adjusted for inflation, were reduced by two per cent. for a year, an extra 300,000 jobs could be created over a three-year period.

Hold inflation

A not from Mr Lawson and Mr King, Employment Secretary, with the paper maintains that the Government's financial strategy had succeeded in holding down inflation, but high pay rises had pushed up unemployment.

Mr Lawson argues that there is no question of the pay restraint formula producing a fall in living standards.

Lower pay rises would mean lower prices, increases in profits, and scope for more jobs, says the note which makes an appeal for a "wider understanding" by employers, employees and unions about the relationship between pay and jobs.

The ministers say bluntly that the choince is between father growth of pay, slower growth of jobs and higher unemployment or slower growth of pay, more jobs and lower unemployment.

ALFONSIN IN TALKS WITH TORY MP

By Our Political Staff

Dr Alfonsin, the Argentine President, has agreed with Mr Keith Best, Conservative MP for Anglesey, that there should be contacts between British and Argentine politicians to foster understanding. But he will still not accept formal talks unless sovereignty over the Falklands is on the agenda.

Mr Best met Dr Alfonsin at a conference of parliamentarians in Athens earlier this week. He is thought to be the first MP to meet the president since Anglo-Argentine talks broke down in Berne last July.

Mr Best suggested that some initial deal for an end to hostilities in return for an end to the increase of Britain's military capability on the Falklands might be struck. Dr Alfonsin did not dismiss the idea.

IRAN ATTACK 'REPULSED BY IRAQ'

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Iraq claimed yesterday that it had repulsed an Iranian counter-attack south of Qasr-e-Shirin on the main road linking the two countries.

On the two preceding days Iraqi forces attacked the Iranians in an attempt to push them back to the border on the central front and near the Majnoon islands in the south.

Yesterday's Iranian assault began in the early hours while it was still dark. Conflicting claims make it difficult at this stage to assess the net results of the fighting.

UDR MAN FACES KIDNAP CHARGE

Ian George Clarke, 22, a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, was remanded in custody until Monday by a court in Armagh yesterday, charged with kidnapping Mrs Catherine Bernadette Speer, 37, the wife of a wealthy local cattledealer.

Mrs Speer was allegedly abducted on Sunday and escaped 32 hours later. Clarke, of Monaghan Street, Milford, near Armagh, was also charged with demanding £10,000 with menaces from her husband Pat, 41, and possessing a pistol with intent to endanger life.

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Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Spitting, 7 Image, 8 Inspector, 9 Din, 10 Loin, 11 Plenty, 13 Precis, 14 Batter, 17 Sickle, 18 Aces, 20 Dip, 22 Radiation, 23 Coded, 24 Released. DOWN: 1 Still, 2 Inspire, 3 Trek, 4 Nettle, 5 Hardy, 6 Meander, 7 Iranian, 12 Discard, 13 Predict, 15 Tactics, 16 Sludge, 17 Spade, 19 Synod, 21 Wake.

For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword.*

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NCB stops talking

dent, he would be meeting Mr Pat Lowry, chairman of Acas, the independent conciliation service, on Monday "to explore further avenues with a view to resuming negotiations."

Mr Eaton's announcement followed a full Coal Board meeting in London.

The NUM leaders had already dispersed back to the coalfields following three days of waiting and hoping in London and exchanges between the TUC, the NUM and other parties which continued until 5.30 a.m. yesterday and were again resumed later in the day.

It appeared that Mr Willis, TUC general secretary, had been acting as an intermediary to try to assist the NUM national officers find a formula on which the peace talks might be given a go-ahead.

At one stage the union side believed they had such a formula, but it was later rejected by the board.

Mr Willis is understood to have told the executive yesterday that his contacts, which could also have included soundings with the Energy Secretary, Mr Walker, led him to believe that the board and the Government believed it had the whip hand and the union on the run.

He apparently warned the miners that there were some who wanted this advantage to be pressed as hard as possible. In such circumstances there was little or no prospect of any compromise over the demand for an agenda including uneconomic closures.

Mr Willis said later: "I am not walking away from the search for negotiations. The problem is too big to leave alone."

Nacods criticise board's terms

The terms laid down by the board for a resumption of negotiations were severely criticised again, yesterday by the pit deputies' union Nacods, who demanded an immediate meeting with the board.

This will take place in London on Monday, when the 17,00-strong deputies' representatives will question the board about implications for the agreement they signed setting up an independent review body as part of the pit review procedures.

Mr Peter McNestry, Nacods general secretary, said after a meeting of the union's executive in Doncaster that any attempt to force the NUM to sign an agreement on the closure of uneconomic pits as a precondition to peace talks could be a breach of the deputies' agreement.

This deal narrowly averted a national strike, which would have closed all the coalfields, after deputies had produced an 82·5 per cent. vote for disruption unless the board's pit closure plan was withdrawn.

Under the Nacods deal, the board agreed that its March 6, 1984, closure plan involving a cut-back of 4 million tons capacity and the loss of 20 pits with 20,000 mining jobs (and about 2,000 deputies), would be "reviewed" in the light of changed market circumstances since the dispute with the NUM.

'Rigid refusal to move' by NUM

It proposed that five threatened pits should be put through the revised colliery review procedure which would have added, as a final stage, an independent appeals body whose findings would be given "due weight" by the board.

Mr Eaton, for the Coal Board, said last night that Nacods had never openly opposed the closure of pits on economic grounds. They were not taking the same stance as the NUM that only pits which are exhausted or unsafe can be closed and they admitted the right of the management "to manage the industry."

In a statement following yesterday's board meeting, the Coal Board "re-affirmed their commitment" reached with the deputies' union, adding: "This includes a re-examination of the colliery review procedure to improve its effectiveness."

The statement went on: "The National Coal Board regret that the NUM have provided no further grounds to enable the present round of discussions to continue, because they have publicly and rigidly refuse dto move from their impossible demand that all uneconomic pits should remain open."

The board said there was nothing new in the points raised by the union, apart from seeking an amnesty for dismissed employees, and the board had made it clear this could form no part of discussions leading to a resolution of the dispute.

Mr Scargill complained that the board had been "totally unwilling" to accept that there should be a meeting with the NUM "without preconditions."

He said: "There appears to be a determination to smash this union and dto make this union accept the principle that pits should close on grounds of economics even before the union goes to the negotiating table to talk about the problems in the industry."

In a letter replying to Mr Merrick Spanton, board member for personnel, Mr Heathfield expressed "great disappointment" at the board's refusal to accept the NUM proposals for an agenda.

The letter re-stated the five items which the NUM would wish to see on any agenda.

These are: Plan for Coal; the future of pits to be dealt with according to the review procedure; the five threatened pits to be kept open; the March 6 closure proposals to be withdrawn; and an amnesty for all men dismissed during the dispute.

15 POLICE HURT

Pickets attack vans

JAMES O'BRIEN reports: Fifteen police officers were injured outside Houghton Main Colliery, near Barnsley, South Yorkshire, yesterday, when some 2,000 pickets converged on the pit.

Police made two arrests as the pickets attacked vans taking home 26 working miners at the end of their shift. Three policemen received hospital treatment for injuries caused by broken glass.

Other pit strike reports—P2

STRIKE HITS BEER

By Our Commercial Correspondent

Rising unemployment and the pit strike were blamed yesterday when the Brewers' Society reported that beer output in 1984 was down by more than 41 million pints compared to 1985. Output in December was the lowest for that month since 1967.

TRANSIT GLORIA

By Our Motoring Staff

Surrey Police are to buy seven Mercedes personnel carriers, costing £72,000, to replace Ford Transits which they find unsuitable for carrying support units on picket line duty. A Ford spokesman said that the Transit was never designed to carry large policemen, plus all their riot gear.

YARD INQUIRY ON 100 OFFICERS

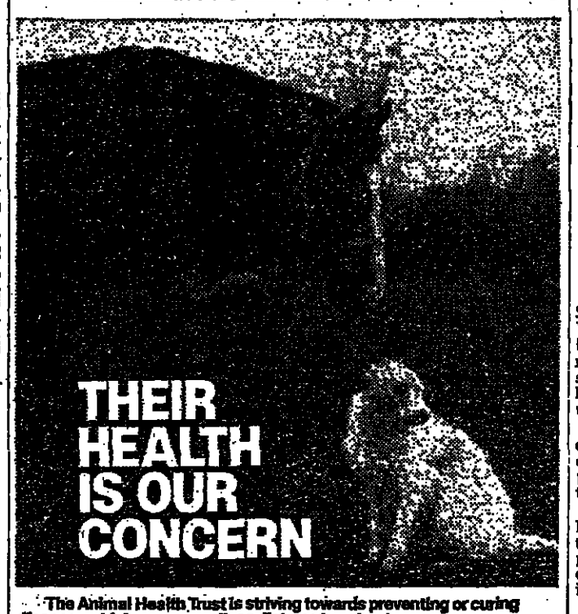
A Scotland Yard squad is to investigate allegations of corruption against 100 London police officers.

The claims, by John Symonds, a former Yard detective sergeant, himself convicted of bribery and corruption, are to be investigated by a team of officers from the Yard's Complaints Investigation Bureau. Symonds, 48, was jailed for two years in April, 1981, for corruptly obtaining money from a young criminal he helped.

$30,000 FINE FOR TOO-FULL PLANE

By Our Washington Staff

Pan-Am has been fined $30,000 by the American Federal Aviation Administration for overloading a New Year's Day flight with so many passengers that 20 had to share seats and seatbelts.



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'GO BACK' PLEA BY THATCHER

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister tried last night to encourage more miners to return to work.

She said in a television interview that she saw no prospect of an end to the strike until the NUM leadership dropped its attitude against closure of uneconomic pits.

She said that she did not want to see the Coal Board's "right to manage" compromised.

Interviewed in "A Week of Politics" on Channel 4 she said of the miners: "I want them to go back. I do not want their hopes to be dashed in another round of talks which are doomed to failure."

No compromise

Asked if she could suggest some settlement to help the miners return to work, she said: "You never compromise with violence. You never can promise with intimidation.

"You never compromise with those who want to use violence to extinguish freedom and democracy."

Mrs Thatcher also pointed out that there had already been seven rounds of talks which had failed because the NUM leadership would not drop its preconditions about uneconomic pits.

Asked about her remarks last year about society being threatened by "an enemy within," she said that they were people who did not believe in the democratic system but who wanted to use violence and intimidation to obtain their ends.

DALLAS CASE

By JAMES ALLAN

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the many messages I have received confirm this.

"It is a pity this matter could not have been settled in some other way at the equivalent of a magistrate's level, or if we had a reasonable plaintiff, at handshake level."

He felt it time for the libel laws to be reviewed. "If I hadn't defended this action, the LAST KENT CRITIC would have been put out of action."

He was asked if he would have been prepared to go down on his knees on the beach in Viking Harbour, Broadstairs, to apologise to Mrs Pinder-White, as she told the court she would have liked him to do.

Smiling, he replied: "The only thing I am ever likely to do on Viking beach is to go for a swim there." He said her husband's complaints about sewage there had been greatly over-stated.

Would he watch "Dallas" in future? Mr Aitken said: "I have never been a great Dallas watcher and I am greatly relieved that the tussle between the BBC and ITV means "Dallas" will be off our screens."

As well as Mr Aitken, Mrs Pinder-White sued the editor of the EAST KENT CRITIC, Mr DEREK MOLOCK, of Foads Hill, Cliffsend, Ramsgate; the magazine's publishers, East Kent Critic Publications, of High Street, Ramsgate; and its printers Kent County News papers Ltd, of Larkfield, near Maidstone.

Mr Molock, editor and owner, said after the decision: "I am very relieved. I am relieved too for Jonathan Aitken, although politically we are poles apart."

Mr Molock, a Labour councillor, added: "I don't think the action should ever have been brought. There was nothing malicious."

MINISTER TO VISIT MOSCOW

Mrs Peggy Fenner, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, will visit Moscow on February 18 for five days, to open a trade fair called "Britagroprom" to promote British agriculture.

It will feature the products of 31 British companies who export to Russia, as well as the Agricultural Engineers' Association.

Embryo research ban urged by nurses

By Our Health Services Correspondent

IMMEDIATE legislation to ban research on human embryos and to outlaw commercial surrogate motherhood schemes has been urged by the Royal College of Nursing.

In a submission to Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary on the Warnock report on test tube baby fertilisation it said that nurses regarded embryo research and surrogate motherhood as "major ethical issues which jeopardise society."

It said: "Nurses are more concerned that moral and ethical considerations should be pre-eminent rather than scientific and medical ones."

The Medical Research Council has just appealed for scientists to be allowed to carry out experiments on embryos up to 14 days old to try to eliminate inherited diseases.

But the nurses say they do not share the belief that society necessarily wishes to see major genetic abnormalities eradicated.

"The RCN believes that from the earliest moment of life the embryo should be treated as a human being and that only research which will enable the particular embryo to come to full term should be permitted.

"The idea that spare embryos would be generated by super ovulation specifically for research programmes was felt to be repugnant and unacceptable and in direct conflict with the RCN's view that basic human rights are applicable from the moment of conception."

The College expresses the clear conviction that surrogate motherhood practised for money should be prohibited by law.

The College says that it is one of the first major health organisations whose members are in close touch with patients to make its views known on issues raised by the Warnock Committee.

GUERRILLAS KILL POLICEMAN

A white Namibian policeman and six Swapo guerrillas have been killed in skirmishes in the South African-ruled territory, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The policeman was following the tracks of a group of guerrillas in the northern Ovamba area when he was killed. The guerrillas died in the fighting that followed.—Reuter.

Barker OF EARLS BARTON
BARKER SHOES, EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTON.

DEATHS (Continued)

COLLINS.—On Jan. 31, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, OLIVE, beloved wife of the late Major S. A. Collins, sister of Leslie, dear mother of Beryl and [illegible], Jan and a dear [illegible], grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 2.45 p.m.

COOKE.—On Monday, Jan. 28, 1985, at Nobles Hospital, Douglas, I.O.M., CHARLES ALFRED COOKE, formerly of Ramsgill, dearly loved husband of Molly and father of Alastair and Louise, Stuart, Stephen and Annette. No flowers please. Donations may be sent c/o Mr Bell, 10 Hope Road, Douglas.

CUNLISSE.—On Jan. 30, 1985, peacefully, BARBARA, loved and loyal wife for many years of Ken. Well be sadly missed by all her family. Service Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Colchester Crematorium 1 p.m. Family flowers only.

CUTTELL.—On Feb. 1, peacefully at Upstairs, Tenbury Street, Minchinhampton, Glos., ARTHUR OLIVER, aged 91 years, beloved husband of Mona Patricia. Funeral service Minchinhampton Parish Church, Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 11 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be sent for Paradise House Hospice Appeal, c/o Philip Ford & Son, 18-20, Durston House, Stroud, Glos.

DAVY.—On Jan. 30, 1985, suddenly near Bonn, Major IAN ALASTAIR GEORGE DAVY, T.D., late of Spean Lodge, Fort Bridge, Inverness, and Ashdown Lodge, Tadworth, Surrey, husband of Catherine, father of Catherine, Alastair, Jean, Lily and Alexander, grandfather of Catriona, Ewan, Simon, Mona and Hugh. Funeral 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5, at East Chelborough Church, near Evershot, Dorset. Flowers and enquiries to A. J. Bakes & Sons, 91, East Street, Bridport, tel. 03085-23236. Donations to the National Trust.

DUGLAS.—On Feb. 1, peacefully at home, in Tweedsmuir, Lawson Wilson George DUGLAS, I.S.O., aged 76, late of Elgin, a dear father and grandfather. Funeral service will take place at Moriston Crematorium, Colford Avenue, S.W.14, on Friday, Feb. 8, at 12 noon. Floral tributes to Frederick Paine, funeral directors, Isleworth, Middx, or donations to the charity of your own choice.

DRINKWATER.—On Jan. 30, 1985, peacefully in hospital, KATHLEEN HILDA, youngest daughter of the late THOMAS and ELIZABETH DRINKWATER. Funeral service at Rake Lane United Reformed Church (Wallasey) on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m., followed by interment at Rake Lane Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to Save the Children Fund, c/o Kenna & Turner, 51, Rowson Street, Wallasey, tel. 051 638 4444.

DRURY.—On Feb. 1, suddenly, ALAN, aged 76 years, of Highfields, Mill Road, Willesford-Pre-Sea, Norfolk, dear husband of Eileen and much loved father of Anne, Diana, Rosemary and Alison. A friend to his son-in-laws and loving grandad of all his grandchildren. Funeral service at St Nicholas Church, Wells-next-the-Sea, on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, Norfolk, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only to W. J. Sutton, Freeman Street, Wells, but if desired donations for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Association.

EMIAM.—On Jan. 31, in Woking, Major-General ROBERT KENNY EMIAM, late Duke of Wellington's Regiment, M.C., C.B.E., M.C., beloved husband of Avril, father of Richard and David. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Horsell, Woking, on Monday, Feb. 4, at 11 a.m. Cremation private. No flowers, please.

FARMBOROUGH.—On Jan. 27, suddenly at Villa del Mar, Chile, in his 53rd year, LYNN, dearly beloved eldest son of the Rev. J. M. L. Mact and Peggy FARMBOROUGH and brother of Sarah and Mark. His many friends will miss his gentle inoffensive nature and education, lovingly to South Africa, Mexico, Surrey.

FRAIL.—On Feb. 1, peacefully in his sleep after a short illness, Lieut. (Retd.) [illegible], dearly mourned by his wife [illegible], Roger and Neil, grandchildren and family. Funeral Sunday, Feb. 3, 2.45 p.m., at Cheshunt. Prayers 1.30 p.m., at home.

FRANKLIN.—On Jan. 28, 1985, at Kingston-upon-Thames Hospital, WILLIAM GEORGE, aged 77, beloved husband of Veronica, father of William and Charles. Service Morbiac Crematorium, 1.50 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4.

FRANKLYN.—On Jan. 31, 1985, at Bosmiston House, Adisham, near Canterbury, THOMAS FARRINGDON, dearly beloved husband of Maud and father of Robert. Funeral at St Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 2.15 p.m. Cremation private. Flowers and inquiries C. W. Leon (F.D.) tel. Canterbury 463508.

GALLAGHER.—On Friday, Jan. 25, at Finchley Memorial Hospital, NORAH, affiliate of The Community of The Resurrection of Our Lord Crucified, known as "Gally" to the girls of Heathfield School, Ascot, for over 40 years, and loved sister of the late Gerald Bruce. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Friern Barnet, on Monday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held at Heathfield School, Ascot, on Old Girls' Day, Saturday, May 18. Requiescat in pace.

GALLOWAY.—On Jan. 30, at York, DOUGLAS VICTOR GALLOWAY (Canon of Salisbury).

GODDARD.—On Jan. 29, suddenly at his home in Harrogate, FREDERICK CHARLES, Major (Retd.), much loved father of Terry and Elke and brother of Bill. Cremation Friday, Feb. 1.

HADDAD.—On Jan. 28, in London, MUNIR SALIM, aged 71, beloved husband of Alda and loved and beloved father of daughters Mona, Emile, Amour, Huda, Zeb, Khoori, Alda Samir Hammam and Hiba. Sadly missed by friends all over the world. Funeral Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10.30 a.m., United Reformed Church, Allan Street, London, W.8. Burial 11.30 a.m., Gunnersbury Cemetery, 143, Gunnersbury Avenue, W.5. Condolences accepted at 18, Melbury Road, Stavordale Lodge, W.14, on Saturday, Feb. 2, in the afternoon and on Feb. 3—No flowers, please. Donations in lieu to the Cardiac Research Fund, c/o Dr F. Akhras, Dept. of Cardiology, King's College, Denmark Hill, London SE5.

HENDRY.—On Jan. 29, 1985, peacefully in Wortham Hospital, HILDA MARY, widow of JAMES McCALL HENDRY, much loved by all who knew her. Service Thursday, Feb. 7, at Worthing Crematorium, 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o R. D. Tribe Ltd, 61, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing.

HODES.—On Jan. 31, suddenly, META HODES, formerly of Buckland Crescent, N.W.3, dearly loved mother of Linda and Angela Castellani. Funeral service tomorrow (Sunday, Feb. 3), at Golders Green Crematorium at 10.30 a.m.

HONNOR.—On Jan. 31, 1985, in hospital after a short illness, ANNE ELIZABETH HONNOR, dear wife of the late William George and devoted mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Croydon Crematorium on Friday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, to Mental Health Foundation, 8, Hallam Street, London, W.1.

HOPE.—On Feb. 1, in Wexham Park Hospital after a long illness courageously borne, MAURICE WILLIAM, beloved husband of Constance, father of Pamela and dear grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at 11.30 a.m., Feb. 8, at Slough Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Thames Valley Hospice. Inquiries to E. Sargeant & Sons, Slough.

IVES.—On Jan. 30, very peacefully at Hythe, Kent, COSMO, formerly of The Gateway, Dover, widow of Prof. D. J. G. IVES, much loved mother of David and sister of Winifred Williams, of Dover. Service at Barham Crematorium on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations to Phoenix Hospice, 56, London Road, Canterbury, will be appreciated.

JOHNSON.—On Jan. 31, CHARLES HENRY, aged 92, formerly of Ericsons, Beeston, Notts and Rosewood, beloved husband of Gladys. With Christ, which is far better.

JONES.—On Feb. 1, after a life lived to the full despite so many crises and diseases, BRENDA, Wrington, BARBARA MARY, late of Wilma, Devon, very much loved by her daughter Jane, sister Marjorie and brother Jim. Will be sadly missed by so many who loved her. Cremation Exeter, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5.

LADELL.—On Jan. 30, 1985, peacefully in a Bournemouth nursing home, in her 98th year, FRANCES ASFILD LADELL, loving and beloved Ma, Grandma, Great-Grandma, dear grandmother of Alwyn and Madjida. Funeral service at St Swithun's Church, Upper Gardens, Bournemouth, Friday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. All inquiries to Morey & Sons & S. Ms, funeral directors, 6757 645, Winmarleigh Road, Winton, Bournemouth.

LAKER.—On Feb. 1, 1935, at Bingham-on-Sea, RAY, Wrington-in-the-Isle of Cruseyard, Sandy, Devon. Funeral service at Sheldon Church on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m., to Yard & Cremation at Plymouth.

LASBERT.—On Jan. 30, peacefully at home, GEORGE, aged 84, beloved husband of Sylvia, dearest Dad, Monday, Feb. 4, at Catch-Mor Crematorium, at 9.50 a.m. No flowers and no donations, please.

LANGLEY.—On Jan. 30,